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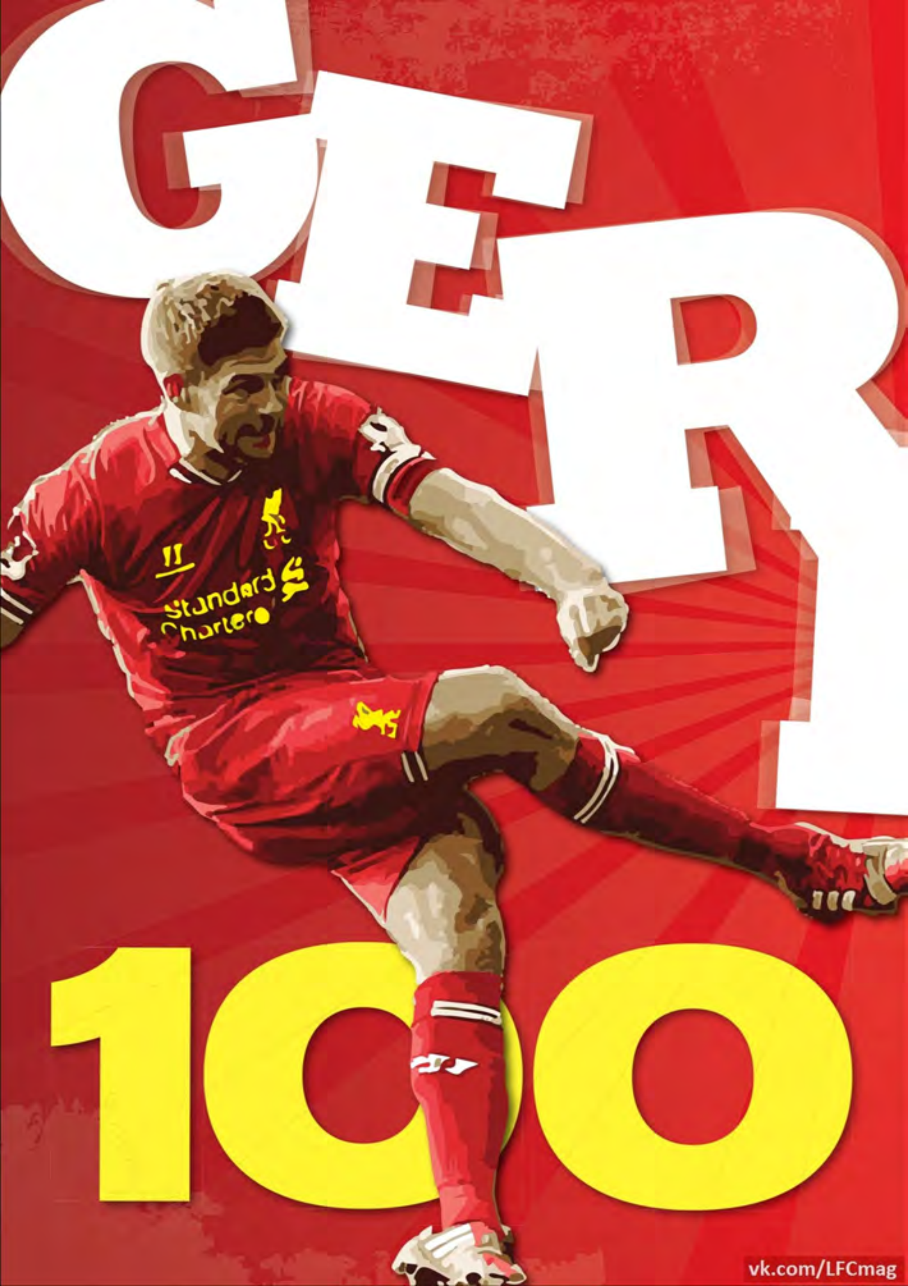
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...goal. The dynamic duo combined to deadly effect on Tyneside to salvage a draw for Liverpool against Newcastle, with a cross from Luis met by Daniel at close-range. It was one of a magnificent seven goals the pair supplied during a prolific October. Find out why the pair thrive off each other's attacking flair on p28.


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RAR D UP

The stats behind a century of Premier League goals

Typically, Steven Gerrard's reaction upon scoring his 100th Premier League goal – a penalty in the 2-2 draw at Newcastle – was to insist he'd rather have taken all three points than reached the landmark.

It was left to others to find the right words. Boss Brendan Rodgers said: "For me, Steven's best league goal came at this ground [St James' Park] when he scored a screamer from a free-kick in 2008. So to get his 100th goal here is great for him.

"He's an incredible player and he's got many more goals to come as well. You see his fitness level and people ask how, at 33, he's able to play two really tough international games at a high level [for England v Montenegro and Poland prior to the Newcastle-Liverpool match]. He's still fresh and looking very, very good."

LFC legend Ian Rush told the club's website: "It's an incredible achievement and all for Liverpool Football Club as well. You expect forwards to do it, but for Stevie as a midfielder it's an incredible achievement. It shows his loyalty to the club but also what a great goalscorer he is."

Here are the stats, revealing Steven's most potent period of a game in which to score, the teams and goalkeepers that have felt the force, and the rate at which he's reached his terrific ton…

WHERE

AT ANFIELD **61** AWAY FROM HOME **39**

5 St James' Park **4** Reebok Stadium, Upton Park, Villa Park **3** Old Trafford **2** Ewood Park, Goodison Park, St. Andrews, The Hawthorns, Turf Moor, White Hart Lane **1** Britannia Stadium, Etihad Stadium, Highbury, Madejski Stadium, Pride Park, Stadium of Light, The Valley

WHEN

FIRST HALF **33** SECOND HALF **67**

0-15 mins 10 **16-30 mins** 8
31-45 mins 15 **46-60 mins** 23
61-75 mins 25 **76-90 mins** 19

Quickest

2 mins v **West Ham United** (A) 9.5.09
2 mins v **Stoke City** (A) 26.12.12

Latest

90+ mins v **Charlton Athletic** (H) 21.4.03
90+ mins v **Derby County** (A) 26.12.07
90+ mins v **Middlesbrough** (H) 23.8.08
90+ mins v **Blackburn Rovers** (H) 6.12.08
90+ mins v **Everton** (H) 13.3.12

Aug 5 goals **Sept** 10 goals
Oct 6 goals **Nov** 9 goals
Dec 21 goals **Jan** 8 goals
Feb 9 goals **Mar** 15 goals
Apr 12 goals **May** 5 goals

Season by season	Lge goals	% of total scored by team	Apps
98/99	0	0	12
99/00	1	1.96	29
00/01	7	9.86	33
01/02	3	4.48	28
02/03	5	8.20	34
03/04	4	7.27	34
04/05	7	13.46	30
05/06	10	17.54	32
06/07	7	12.28	36
07/08	11	16.42	34
08/09	16	20.78	31
09/10	9	14.75	33
10/11	4	6.78	21
11/12	5	10.64	18
12/13	9	12.68	36
13/14	2	15.38	8

All stats up to and including SG's 100th league goal – 19 October 2013

HOW

SHOTS **74** HEADERS **5**
PENALTIES **20** RICOCHETS **1**
HAT-TRICKS **2** BRACES **7**

Milestones

25 goals 193 games **50 goals** 88 games
75 goals 61 games **100 goals** 107 games

89 games scored in

61 **WON** 17 **DRAWN** 11 **LOST**

Statistics supplied by Ged Rea & Dave Ball

WHO

32 different teams

11 Aston Villa
8 Newcastle United
7 Bolton Wanderers, Everton
6 Birmingham City, Manchester United
5 West Ham United
4 Blackburn R., Manchester C., Middlesbrough
3 Arsenal, Fulham, Hull City, Sunderland, Tottenham Hotspur, West Bromwich Albion
2 Burnley, Charlton Athletic, Leeds United, Portsmouth.
1 Chelsea, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Derby County, Norwich City, Reading, Sheffield United, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, Stoke City, Swansea City, Wolverhampton Wanderers

56 different keepers

7 Jussi Jaaskelainen
5 Shay Given, David James
4 Tim Howard
3 Brad Friedel, Robert Green, Brad Guzan, Joe Hart, Nigel Martyn, Boaz Myhill, Paul Robinson, Thomas Sorensen, Mark Schwarzer, Edwin van der Sar
2 Ian Bennett, Mark Bunn, Marcus Hahnemann, Russell Hoult, Brian Jensen, Dean Kiely, Tim Krul
1 Manuel Almunia, Ben Alnwick, Jamie Ashdown, Fabien Barthez, Asmir Begovic, Petr Cech, David de Gea, Paul Gerrard, Heurelho Gomes, Craig Gordon, Steve Harper, Shaka Hislop, Brad Jones, Paul Jones, Kasey Keller, Paddy Kenny, Chris Kirkland, Jan Lastuvka, Jens Lehmann, Anders Lindegaard, Hugo Lloris, Alex Manninger, Simon Mignolet, Thomas Myhre, Antti Niemi, Kevin Pressman, Lewis Price, Peter Schmeichel, Julian Speroni, Maik Taylor, Stuart Taylor, Ross Turnbull, Nico Vaesen, Michel Vorm, Nicky Weaver

Scored against home & away in same season

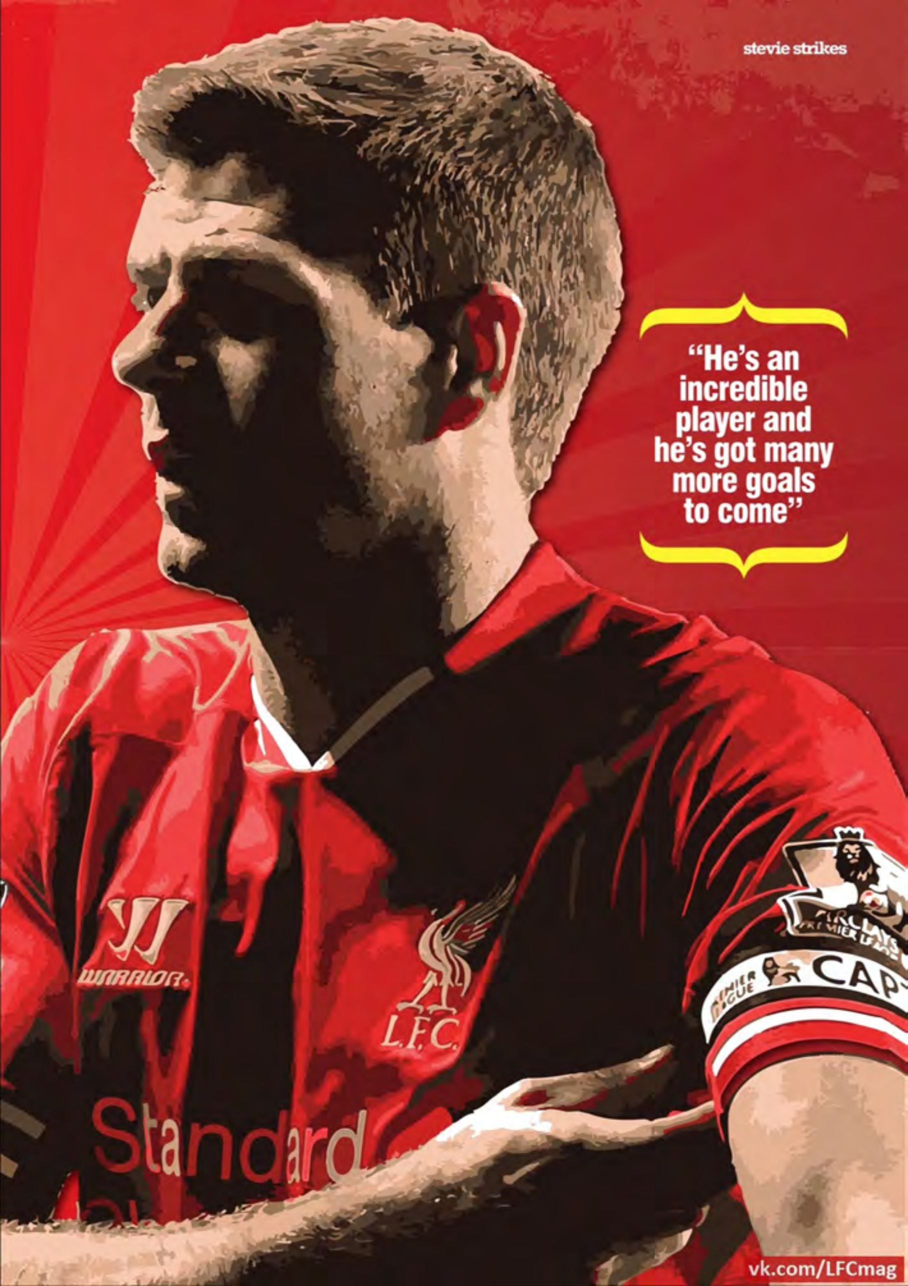
2003/04 Birmingham City
2004/05 West Bromwich Albion
2005/06 Aston Villa, Newcastle United
2007/08 Newcastle United
2009/10 Birmingham City
2012/13 Aston Villa

Penalties against

4 Aston Villa
2 Birmingham City, Bolton Wanderers, Manchester United, Tottenham Hotspur
1 Crystal Palace, Fulham, Middlesbrough, Newcastle United, Portsmouth, Stoke City, Sunderland, Swansea City

Managers	Goals	Games	Av
Houllier	20	170	8.50
Benitez	60	196	3.27
Hodgson	4	16	4.00
Dalglish	5	23	4.60
Rodgers	11	44	4.00




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PROUD TO PLAY FOR LIVERPOOL

Martin Skrtel hopes his seventh season at Anfield is a prelude to an exciting new era for the Reds. William Hughes reports

The media has been awash with talk of Liverpool's SAS of late. Martin Skrtel is a fully paid-up member of the Suarez and Sturridge appreciation society – after all he faces both in training every day – but the centre-back is hoping to forge an alternative SAS at Anfield. He smiles at the suggestion that Skrtel-Agger-Sakho could become just as vital to the Reds' hopes of success this season.

The Slovakian has enjoyed working as part of a back-three. "We have played a few games with this system now so we will see whether we'll carry it on in the future," he says.

"To be honest it is not a big change for the centre-backs because as a defender you have the same tasks to fulfill whether you are playing as one of a pair or as one of three central defenders. You still have to mark the striker and fight to win the tackles. But it can be an advantage having three centre-backs in the box when crosses come in, and of course the system also allows the full-backs to push on."

Skrtel believes the formation can also enable central defenders to emerge with the ball – especially as so many Premier League teams now deploy just one out-and-out centre-forward. "That means we can move the ball better and move into space too. Of course the other advantage for centre-halves is that it allows more of us to play! Now we have six centre-backs all wanting to play so it's up to the manager to decide. That's good for the club and good for us too because it pushes you to work very hard every day. It pushes you as a footballer."

> "Having more centre-backs is good for the club and good for the players too"

The benefits have been there for all to see so far with the big no37 coming back into the team with a man-of-the match performance against Manchester United at the start of September. He says: "After last season I worked very hard during pre-season to try to get back into the team. But then I picked up a knee injury towards the end of pre-season, so it wasn't easy for me. But I tried to stay positive. I was saying to myself: just wait for your chance. I recovered well and got that chance against United. I felt it was an opportunity to prove to people and to the manager that I'm able to play.

"Of course our strong start to the season helped too. As a player it is always better for you when you are going into a team that is doing well. Now I'm just trying hard to keep myself in the team and, as I say, that's not easy with six centre-backs competing for two or three places."

Martin has lined up alongside a couple of new faces this season and believes both Mamadou Sakho and Kolo Toure will have significant parts to play. "Mamadou is still a young player but he's got plenty of experience with PSG and also the French national team. Since he came to Liverpool he's shown us that he's a great player – strong on the pitch and strong mentally as well. Also, he's a great guy. He's a funny character who is always trying to make a few jokes and once he learns the language fully he is going to be even better.

"I know myself from when I arrived at Liverpool that it is difficult when you come to a new country – everything is new for you. But when I speak to Mamadou, his English is improving all the time."

Toure meanwhile is well versed in the language having been a Premier League regular for more than a decade. "He's a big character as well," smiles Skrtel. "I think a lot of people were perhaps surprised when Liverpool signed him, but from the first day and first session he's shown everybody how good he is. He's a great player, a good guy and I'm glad we've got him in the team because he tries to help every one of us.

"Even though players such as Daniel (Agger) and myself are not young any more, he has even more experience. He organises well and that's good for every one of us."

Then of course there is the goalkeeper, Simon Mignolet. It is the first time since Skrtel signed from Zenit in the winter of 2008 that he's worked regularly with a new keeper in league action. "Pepe was here for eight years and I was a little bit surprised when he left but that is all part of the life of the footballer. Players come and go and that was the case with Pepe. We signed Simon whom we knew is a great keeper. He had a great start to the season.

"I was a bit surprised when Pepe left but it's part of the life of a footballer"

"If you come into a new club, especially one as big as Liverpool, it always helps when you have a good start. For a goalkeeper, saving a late penalty on your debut is a bit like a striker scoring a goal in their first game. It gives you plenty of confidence and I think that was key for Simon."

Personally Skrtel is hopeful that his peak years are just in front of him. "I have been here in Liverpool for six years and it's been a great six years for me. There have been quite a few changes at the club since I started, particularly managerial. But if there was one thing I could change about my time here it would be the few bad injuries I've had. Not being able to play because you are injured is always the worst thing for a footballer.

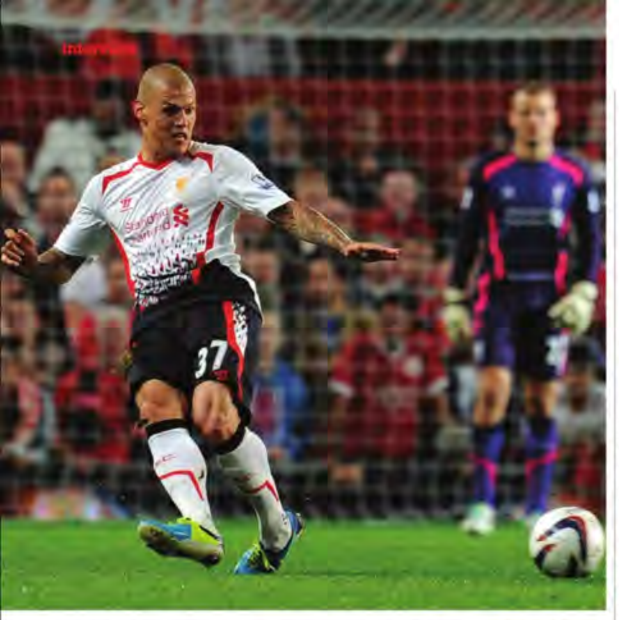
"But playing for such an illustrious club as Liverpool for six years is something every footballer would be proud of. I will be 29 in December, I have a contract here for three more years and I'm very happy. I'll keep striving to do my best and see what that time brings."

Over the course of his Anfield career Martin says one other major difference has been learning how to switch off away from the game. "I now have a two-year-old son and he's the main thing in my life. Of course football is my job and it's very important to me, but family is always in first place.

"When something is not going well and I come home and see my wife and son, everything changes and I forget about all the bad things and try to look forward instead. That has changed from when I was younger


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because then I would analyse games and think about them for a while afterwards.

"As I've got older I've come to realise that you cannot change the outcome afterwards. It is positive to spend time with family and relax. When I spend time with my son I forget about everything else and focus only on him. Then the next day when you come into training, your head is clear."

And his feelings about the season so far? "A good start was something we targeted and prepared for. But the season is very long and we just go from game to game trying to get as many points as possible. Of course you want to win every single match but that's not realistic. So we'll be aiming to get as many points as we can and then see where we are.

"As the games come and go it's inevitable there will be injuries and so on, which is why we have a big squad. We have a 25-man squad and every one of those players is in contention to be starting games.

"All of us believe that this season we can stay towards the top positions and get back into Europe. To play in the Champions League is the dream for every player. We are working hard every single day to achieve that and I hope that at the end of the season we'll be happy."

On the ball at Old Trafford

"We have a 25-man squad and every one is in contention to be starting games"

If the team is to achieve this ambition, the goals of that other SAS will be crucial. Skrtel says the way that Suarez and Sturridge dovetail off each other will continue to wreak havoc among opposition defences. "They are crucial. They are different types of players and that helps define their partnership. The understanding between them seems to be working perfectly. As a defender I am happy that they are on our team rather than against us because to play against and mark them is not easy. I see that every day in training!

"They are definitely two of the best forwards I have played with. Of course I also played with Fernando [Torres] here and he was a great player and still is. But I rate Daniel and Luis really high. If they stay fit I have no doubt they will score a lot of goals and help us stay at the right end of the table."

Skrtel on Slovakia

A disappointing finish to Slovakia's World Cup qualifying campaign saw them finish third in their group behind Bosnia and Greece, and the captain reflects: "It wasn't an easy group but it wasn't the most difficult group either."

The game against Greece in Piraeus last month saw Slovakia beaten after ex-Everton goalkeeper Jan Mucha somehow let a routine Skrtel back-pass slide under his foot and into the net. "Those things do happen in football," says Martin. "If you played that back-pass 100 times, 99 would be cleared, but it happened and we lost the game."

Even so, Skrtel believes Slovakia can be among the finalists at Euro 2016 in France. "Earlier this year a new manager, Jan Kozak, came in and performance-wise it's been much better. Our away game against Bosnia [a 1-0 win] was one of the best I've played for the national team. If we can carry on this way then the qualifying group for the Euros can be better. Of course it depends on which teams we're drawn with [in February]. But we have a young team with players at good teams in Europe and there can be a good future for Slovakia."

Like Steven Gerrard and Daniel Agger, Martin skippers his country. "Now I am the captain I'm very proud. In every game I work hard to play for every one of the five million people in our country and make them proud."



Intercepting Belgium's Lukaku



Playing at the World Cup finals will only benefit Liverpool's international class

Didi HAMANN

With the full line-up for next summer's World Cup confirmed this month there's sure to be debate about where exactly the tournament stands in players' lists of priorities.

From my own point-of-view I wouldn't swap my Champions League medal for a World Cup winners' medal. I think a major reason for that is the fact I won the competition with Liverpool, a club that had made its name by dominating the European Cup in the 1970s and 80s. Helping them to win it for the fifth time – and therefore keep the trophy – meant everything to me.

Of course the dramatic way we secured it is also a major factor. If I had won that medal with another club I might be tempted to swap it [for a World Cup medal] but the fact that it was earned with Liverpool means I wouldn't exchange it for anything.

I'm not sure every player from my era would say the same. There was a point when the World Cup meant everything. I think at one stage nine out of ten players would have said that was ultimate prize to win. Now I think that opinion has changed. A lot more players would rather win the Champions League.

However, what nobody can debate is that once February or March comes around the World Cup will be on the mind of a lot of players. That's only natural. Some of them will know they are already in their country's squad



Steven Gerrard celebrates his goal against Poland

> **"The last 10 games of the season could decide who goes to the World Cup"**

and will be looking forward to it. Others will be playing for a place on the plane. The last 10 games of the season could go a long way towards deciding if someone makes the trip to Brazil.

A World Cup in South America, and particularly Brazil, is something that excites every footballer. I know people complain about international breaks – and there is another one this month – but they are necessary if we are to enjoy big tournaments every second year.

As a player I always looked forward to going away with my country. I started doing so at a young age as I was part of the Germany Under 18 side and also went to the U20 World Cup in Australia in 1993. Those types of experiences really help a player to develop and improve. Because I'd been on those trips I knew the routine involved when I stepped up to the senior international side. At the time I was one of just a few foreign-based players in the German squad so it was always good to go back home and see the lads. Even speaking in my native language again for a few days was welcome.

International get-togethers were usually very relaxed, especially if there were two games and we were away for ten days. We didn't overdo it in training. You couldn't help but learn from experienced and successful professionals like Jurgen Klinsmann, Lothar Matthaus and Markus Babbel. Just being around so many good players was beneficial for your game.

When you consider that, the more players Liverpool have travelling to the World Cup next summer the better. In the short term it will encourage them to play well for the club and in the long term it can help their development. They should come back from Brazil knowing more about themselves and the game.

Follow Didi on Twitter @dietmarhamann

A closer look at the players from the 2013 Liverpool Ladies team that took the new FA Womens Super League by storm

LADIES

DA COSTA

The tenacious American midfielder was an ever-present in the FA WSL campaign, driving the Reds forward and linking well with Dowie, Rolser, Fors and Williams. She scored twice in the 4-0 win at Arsenal – a victory that had everyone in the women's game sitting up and taking notice.



WILLIAMS

Vastly experienced England international who played a key role in getting the best out of her team-mates from the centre of the park. Another ever-present in the team, she netted three league goals throughout the course of the campaign, including two in the team's best win – a 9-0 rout of Doncaster Rovers Belles in August.





FIRST



DOWIE

The FA WSL's leading scorer, the Reds incredible no9 finished the season with 13 league goals and 19 from 21 games in all competitions. Her scoring streak helped propel the Ladies to their first top-flight title. A tireless worker for the team, she contributed all types of goals from poacher's finishes to long-range chips and powerful headers. Controversially omitted from England's squad for the Euros, she was recalled for the World Cup qualifiers last month and responded with a goal in each of the Three Lionesses two games.





OMARSDOTTIR

Defensive midfielder who anchored the side, the Icelandic international was another key performer. She scored twice and both were vital goals against title rivals Bristol Academy. First was a brilliant long-range effort that was nominated for goal of the season on the BBC's Women's Football Show, the other the goal that sealed the title at Halton Stadium last month.





EASTON

Former Everton and Doncaster defender whose knowledge and experience was vital to the younger members of the squad. Made 10 appearances throughout the FA WSL campaign.



BONNER

Centre-back and captain who was named manager's player of the year. The former Chelsea stopper formed a fine partnership with Whitney Engen at the heart of the defence. Also weighed in with vital goals, none more so than her spectacular long-range winner at Bristol which won the FA WSL goal of the month for August. Her fine season was capped when she won her first England cap four days before she lifted the league trophy.

ROLSER

Flying winger whose pace was a constant menace to Liverpool's rivals. She forged a good link-up down the left flank with her German compatriot Corina Schroder. The 21-year-old also produced a healthy haul of goals, netting 10 times in the FA WSL.

BRONZE

Powerful attacking full-back whose forward forays caused no end of problems for opposing defences. She also became established in the England team and her consistent displays at right-back saw her named player of the year by her team-mates.

SCHRODER

German left-back who was a model of consistency throughout. She selected her goal in the 4-1 derby victory at Everton as one of her personal highlights of the season. Formed part of a solid defensive unit alongside Bronze, Engen and Bonner and her attacking bursts were also productive – as in her assist for one of Dowie's goals in the 4-2 win over Everton in the second league derby of the season.







HOLBROOK

Midfielder whose opportunities were limited by the form of Omarsdottir, Williams and Da Costa but still made eight FA WSL appearances throughout the successful campaign.



ENGEN

American international defender whose calm displays alongside Bonner gave the Reds the classiest centre-back partnership in the FA WSL. Composed in possession, she was a calming influence throughout a season that also saw her cement a place in the USA starting line-up.



FORS

An attacking midfielder, Swedish star Fors was the Reds penalty expert and it was her cool spot-kick that put the team on the path to glory in their title-decider against Bristol Academy. She contributed plenty of assists with her accurate delivery and was also at the top end of the FA WSL scoring charts with eight.





FA WOMEN'S SUPER LEAGUE 2013

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool Ladies	14	12	0	2	46	19	36
Bristol Academy	14	10	1	3	30	20	31
Arsenal Ladies	14	10	3	1	31	11	30*
Birmingham City	14	5	3	6	16	21	18
Everton Ladies	14	4	3	7	23	30	15
Lincoln Ladies	14	2	4	8	10	15	10
Chelsea Ladies	14	3	1	10	20	27	10
Doncaster Rovers B	14	1	3	10	9	42	6

*deducted 3 points for fielding ineligible player

AND ALSO STARRING...

The goalkeeping gloves were shared by Sarah Quantrill and Rachael Laws.

Local lass Sophia Riccio made a couple of substitute appearances in defence while summer window arrivals Sarah Gregorius and Kate Longhurst also featured regularly from the bench.

In the first half of the season, Lillie Fenlon-Billson was a regular substitute before making the switch to Lincoln Ladies while forward Hannah Keryakoplis' opportunites were limited by injury and Dowie's fine form and she moved on to Stoke City.

Making up the squad were keeper Danielle Gibbons, defenders Sam Chappell and Caroline Charlton and midfielders Katie Zelem and Ellie Stewart.








"Right from the kick-off in the final game there was never any doubt we would do it"
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How we won the league

Midfielder Amanda Da Costa picks 11 key factors behind the Liverpool Ladies title triumph

Moment

Hearing the final whistle go against Bristol and knowing we were confirmed as champions was the highlight. It was what we had all worked so hard towards all season. Right from the kick-off that afternoon there was never any doubt in my mind that we would do it. I had complete trust in my team-mates. There was no way we were losing that game.

Memories

Playing at Anfield against Arsenal was amazing and equalising in front of the Kop in that game was a really cool memory – seeing the support from the fans will always stick in my mind. From a personal point-of-view, scoring a brace in the 4-0 win against Arsenal at the Emirates was unbelievable

Medal

Looking at my medal, it just feels so good. Before each game we all say our piece in the changing-room and before that Bristol game I said: "We have nothing to save ourselves for anymore – we can put everything that we have left onto the pitch." At the end it was almost as if we were so tired that we weren't tired. We were jumping and dancing around and completely caught up in the moment.

Mates

The management and backroom staff knew the types of people as well as players they wanted. It was about character and qualities off the pitch too, and bringing in the types of personalities they felt would best fit the vision they had for this team. No wonder we got on so well. Before I headed home to the States I was talking to Fara Williams about the season over a cup of tea – I've become so British that I have tea now!

And she was saying how she's never gone home unhappy. There are always various things that might happen during the course of a season that leave you frustrated, but there's never been a moment when we've gone back home angry and that's refreshing in football these days. The management did a really good job in putting us together and we did the rest.

Moaning!

Mentioning Fara, she's someone I've learned a lot from this year. She's a veteran in midfield with over 100 caps for her country. We get on really well off the pitch too and I think that shows when we play together. We link up well and always have good awareness. Fara jokes that she's a bit of a moaner but she's only like that because she cares and wants us all to be better.

> "Our manager Matt believed in us and told us to go out and express ourselves"



Job done! The girls celebrate their title win

Matt

Our manager Matt Beard has been humbled to be a part of this season. He's done a good job in keeping his focus and just worrying about us, especially towards the second half of the season. I think he's grown as a manager and made certain adjustments that have been really beneficial for the team, especially towards the end.

We had a bit of a slow start when we came back at the mid-point of the season. That was a cautious time, we were barely scraping wins and as a manager that must be concerning. Matt believed in us so much and his passion poured onto the pitch. It makes it so easy as a player when you know that someone believes in you. The one thing he said a lot in the important games was that he

Triumphant girls with the men at Melwood

"In the supermarket I heard people say 'She's just won the league'..."

just wanted us to go out and express ourselves on the pitch. I think that's the best advice any manager can ever give you – express yourself and don't be afraid to make mistakes.

Mindset

We had a couple of season-defining moments. In the away game at Bristol Academy we were drawing 3-3 with five minutes to go but Gemma Bonner produced a memorable winner. In the next game against Chelsea we were losing 3-2 but won 4-3.

At the start of the season Matt had given us all a sheet of paper. We broke into all the different units: goalkeepers, defenders, midfielders and attackers. He gave us a fixture schedule and asked us to write down, realistically, which games we thought we'd win, tie or lose and how many points we'd end up with at the end of the season. We handed them back to him and every single one of the units had said that we really truly believed we could win every single game. In the league we ended up losing twice – at Chelsea which we shouldn't have lost, and against Arsenal when we weren't at our best.

Seeing that goal at the start of the season and then fighting for it meant a lot to us. That's what's in the back of your heads in moments when we only had a few minutes left and needed to win. Draws were no good to us.

Moves

Katie Longhurst had some interesting dance moves during the celebrations – that girl is a character! We were all getting ready for a group photo when she came flying in out of nowhere with all this tinsel wrapped over her. We brought her in from Chelsea during the summer transfer window and she's been a great addition, not only with her work-rate in training but also with exactly what everyone saw after the game – her character and love for the team.

Media

Liverpool Ladies have enjoyed great support this season and celebrating on the pitch at Halton Stadium was unbelievable. That's been our home pitch all season so what better way to do it than in front of our supporters? The women's game has had better exposure than ever in the mainstream media and social media. We have over 25,000 fans on our Twitter feed, not just in Liverpool but all over the world.

Motto

When we collected our medals, we asked for the N-Yo song *Work Hard, Play Hard* to be played. It was appropriate because that was our motto all season. Our attitude was always: if we put the hard work in we will be able to enjoy it at the end of the season.

Merseyside

I've spent nine months in Liverpool and I like it even more than when I first came. It's nice to see the women's team being noted more across the city, especially now that we've brought a title to Liverpool. Right after the final game I was still in my kit and smelt like champagne! Whitney Engen and I tended to order Indian food on a Sunday night from our favourite restaurant down the road. We went to pick it up but I had to stop at the Tesco Express first. I was waiting in the queue when a woman chased me down and said: "Can you come and take a photo with my daughter? She loves Liverpool." As I was waiting in line afterwards people were whispering to each other: "She's just won the league." You wouldn't have heard that at the beginning of the season – just the pure fact that people know the Ladies team exists is exciting. That we've brought a title back is huge and brings the LFC family even closer together.



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LUIS SUAREZ DIFFERENT CLASS

Liverpool's Uruguayan genius has shown he can adapt to the changing requirements of the team, writes John Hynes

After just a few games together this season it was clear that the combination of Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge could dismantle the best defences around.

It's a strike-force that collectively possesses numerous attributes, as manager Brendan Rodgers has rightly pointed out. "Their qualities are different," says the boss. "If you look at Luis, he's a great box player. He's got wonderful feet in and around the penalty box. He can make things happen out of nothing. He always has defenders on the back foot because of his trickery and he can finish left foot or right foot. So he will always ask defenders questions, especially in and around the box where they have maybe got to dive in a bit more."

> **"Luis makes things happen out of nothing, he always has defenders on the back foot"**

For his part Sturridge reached half-a-dozen Premier League goals by the October international break and has also impressed the boss. "Daniel is a different type altogether – he's got all-round great qualities. He's got a great touch, is very strong on his left side and his right side, he's got super pace – once he's away, he's away and you're not catching him.



"He's clever in his movement and his runs. He's a good footballer – he drops into spaces, picks up the ball, sets the game, spins. He's also got an eye for goal. He's a boy who I still think has quite a lot of improvement to make. When he does that, I think he can prove to be one of the top strikers in European football."

When Sturridge arrived at Anfield in January there was lots of debate about where Suarez – who at that point had found the net 18 times in 27 appearances – would operate.

"I spoke with Luis on this subject a number of times," said the boss at the time. "When he played at Ajax he played in behind the central striker as a no10 in between the lines. At Ajax he also played as a reverse winger from the left side. He wasn't quite out wide – he was tucked in round the corner.

"Wherever he plays he will make the same movements and he will find the space because



Suarez salutes the Sturridge assist for his goal at Sunderland

he is a world-class player. It is not a problem at all. It is never a problem having top players so don't talk about problems with players. We need good players."

Lately the Uruguayan has been playing upfront alongside Sturridge to devaststing effect. In the 3-1 win at Sunderland the South American's goals were both provided by Sturridge who also scored. A week later they both found the net in a victory by the same scoreline, this time over Crystal Palace. Then against West Brom Suarez scored his first Anfield hat-trick while Sturridge supplied a sumptuous chip. It took their combined tally for the season to 16 in as many appearances.

Kenny Dalglish, back at Anfield as a director of the club, was one half of what many regard as LFC's best-ever front line – a partnership with Ian Rush that helped win League titles, FA Cups, League Cups and the European Cup. As player-manager the Scot paired John Aldridge with Peter Beardsley, another successful duo. Kenny is encouraged by what he's already witnessed from them so far.

"It is nice to be able to talk about a strike partnership at Liverpool because so many clubs are playing one up these days that there aren't many partnerships around. The partnership between Luis and Daniel is still in its infancy but it looks very promising. In a short space of time they seem to have established a great understanding."

Echoing the boss, Dalglish adds: "They are both players of great quality and are always going to be a real handful for the opposing defence.

"Suarez came back from his suspension looking as sharp as ever and Daniel made an unbelievably good start to the season. He's reveling in the responsibility he has been given.

"It is always more difficult to score goals than it is to prevent yourself conceding them. And the heartening thing for Liverpool fans is that when you have the kind of firepower the club now has, there is always a heightened chance of being successful."



STURRIDGE ON SUAREZ

"He's a nice guy and we have great chemistry on the field, and we get on well off it so it's good. It's easier when you've got somebody like Luis who can help you share the goals out, and we've also got the likes of Steven Gerrard and Victor Moses who can pitch in. So there are goals throughout the team."



DOUBLE ACTS



RUSH & DALGLISH
It was usually the magnificent Scot teeing up the lethal Welshman with superb through-balls. From there Rush did the rest. Their best combined tally of goals, 59, came during the 83/84 season as Fagan's team picked up the League, European Cup and Milk Cup.

HUNT & ST JOHN
The pair found the net 404 times while representing the Reds. Their immense contribution was encapsulated by both of them scoring at Wembley in our long-awaited FA Cup victory of 1965.

KEEGAN & TOSHACK
Shankly's second great team, the side that ended a seven-year trophy drought by becoming champions in 1973, was founded on the goals of this duo. With them leading the line we also went on to lift the FA Cup and conquer Europe.

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travel expenses, by the European Cup authority. And they will be staying for nearly a week!

Liverpool were wined and dined before and after the game in Iceland. I do not doubt that the hospitable Liverpool F.C. will want to return the compliment here and may well, if their guests would like it, arrange a sight-seeing tour of the North-West for them.

The impression of Iceland gained from Service men who visited the place during the War is now completely out-dated. The Liverpool tourists were thrilled by the sunshine—from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. out of a c... the cleanliness and modernity of Reykjavik a... and homes, most of which are detached an... free list so far as a service of hot water is ...

The Reykjavik stadium, its lush turf, th... and hospitality of everyone and the comple... crime—though there are a few policemen... made great impact on the visitors, one of w... cannot get back to the island quickly enou... enjoy more of its wonderful scenery and... of its smoke-free, champagne air.

KR REYKJAVIK (A) WON 5-0

European Cup preliminary round first leg 17 August 1964

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Despite lacking in European experience Liverpool cantered to an overwhelming victory in their first game on the Continent. This was a trip into the unknown for Bill Shankly's team, but their superiority shone through against the Icelandic part-timers. The honour of scoring the club's opening goal fell to Gordon Wallace after 180 seconds. But it took until a minute after the interval for the Reds to add to their lead. Roger Hunt netted a second-half brace, Wallace notched another and Phil Chisnall also scored in a 5-0 win. One Icelandic newspaper reported that the English champions could've scored 15, but five was more than enough to deem the second leg a formality.

Icelandic cuttings courtesy www.lfchistory.net

PART THREE: 80 TO 71 By Mark Platt

GREATEST GAMES





NEWCASTLE UNITED (H) WON 4-3

Premier League 10 March 1997

They said lightning couldn't strike twice but eleven months after the two sides had served up a seven-goal thriller in front of the Kop, history repeated itself. At half-time there was no sign of the drama to unfold. Liverpool were cruising, three goals to the good thanks to strikes from Patrik Berger, Steve McManaman and Robbie Fowler. It was not until the 71st minute that the visitors responded through Keith Gillespie. When Faustino Asprilla further reduced the deficit three minutes from time nerves began to fray a little before Warren Barton stunned Anfield with an equaliser 60 seconds later. But up popped Fowler again in the second minute of injury time to out-jump the Newcastle defence and sensationally clinch a last-gasp win.



78 MANCHESTER UNITED (H) WON 2-1

Milk Cup 4th round 26 November 1985

The Milk Cup may have been the only domestic trophy to elude Liverpool in 1985/86 but this fourth-round victory over our arch-rivals remains an unforgettable highlight. United arrived at Anfield with a two-point lead over Liverpool at the top of the league and for the best part of an hour they held the upper hand. Paul McGrath had given them an early lead but amid a highly-charged Anfield atmosphere the Reds drew level through a Jan Molby goal described in the following morning's *Daily Post* as 'one of the finest ever scored at this famous ground'. Tracking back to win the ball in his own half Molby embarked on a marauding run towards the edge of the United box before unleashing a thunderous shot into the roof of Gary Bailey's net. The Kop erupted and the fans were still celebrating when a minute later 'Rambo' sealed a thrilling victory from the penalty spot. A TV blackout meant no cameras were on hand to capture the tie that has passed into Anfield folklore, but 20 years later a tape of Molby's net-buster emerged.

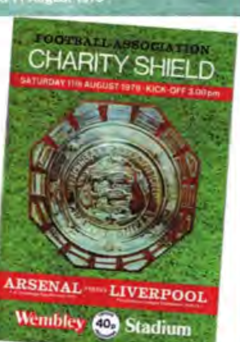




76 ARSENAL (WEMBLEY) WON 3-1

FA Charity Shield 11 August 1979

Having blown their opponents away with a record-breaking march to the previous season's title, Bob Paisley's red machine issued another ominous warning in the Wembley curtain-raiser to 1979/80. It was the manner in which Liverpool added to their trophy cabinet that drew a new vocabulary of superlatives. Goals from Terry McDermott (2) and Kenny Dalglish helped the champions to a comfortable 3-1 win over FA Cup holders Arsenal, after which their beaten opponents could only applaud as Phil Thompson lifted the shield. Paisley described it as "a very pleasing workout" but a more accurate assessment was that given by the *Liverpool Echo*: 'a near perfect demonstration of how they can lift their game to a different level from that of other teams, of the magnificent entertainment they provide with their skill, all interwoven into a team pattern of the highest quality'.



77 EVERTON (BOOTLE) WON 1-0

L'pool Senior Cup final 22 April 1893

Less than a year after the dispute that forced Everton out of Anfield, the first-ever derby took place. The occasion was the final of the Liverpool Senior Cup and First Division Everton, despite fielding a below-strength XI, were favourites to overcome Lancashire League champions Liverpool. Bootle FC's Hawthorne Road ground was the neutral setting and it was the blue-and-white shirts of Liverpool that emerged victorious, courtesy of a goal on the half-hour mark from former Everton player Tom Wylie.

FOOTBALL.

EVERTON V. LIVERPOOL.

(LIVERPOOL CUP—FINAL TIE.)

The final tie in the Liverpool Senior Cup competition was played this afternoon, on the Bootle ground, Hawthorne-road, before some 10,000 spectators. Much mystery has been observed during the week as to what teams would represent the respective clubs, but when the elevens stepped on the field it was seen that Liverpool had placed their best available team in the field, whilst Everton had a mixed side of League and Combination players. The full sides were exactly as published this morning. The Everton players were first on the field, a hearty cheer [illegible]





75 AS ROMA (H) WON 2-0

UEFA Champions League second group phase 19 March 2002



On a night to rank alongside many of the great European occasions that had gone before, Gerard Houllier made a timely return to the Liverpool dug-out and inspired his team to a thrilling victory over AS Roma. Five months after undergoing a heart operation 'Le Boss' was back at the helm, steering the club to a place in the last eight of the Champions League. Amid a frenzied atmosphere the Reds swept forward from the first whistle, and within seven minutes they were a goal to the good courtesy of a Jari Litmanen penalty. A two-goal winning margin was needed to be certain of progression however and it wasn't until the 63rd minute that Emile Heskey delivered what the home fans were craving. A tense finale ensued but the Reds hung on to reaffirm their re-emergence as a European force.



BIRMINGHAM CITY (H) WON 4-1

FA Cup quarter-final 1 March 1947



Hopes were high in 1947 that Liverpool could end their long quest for FA Cup glory and this Albert Stubbins-inspired victory over Birmingham in the last eight sent optimism soaring. Although it was to be a year in which the Reds would ultimately be crowned champions, success in the cup was coveted most – and thanks largely to the goalscoring heroics of Stubbins a first semi-final since 1914 was secured. It was the genial Geordie who opened the scoring at an icy Anfield and despite the visitors drawing level he completed a stunning hat-trick, the pick of the bunch being a diving header at the far post that has since been dubbed 'the goal in the snow'. Liverpool's cup run came to an end in the next round but the legend of Stubbins' treble has stood the test of time.



73 CRYSTAL PALACE (H) WON 9-0

First Division 12 September 1989

Even by the high standards that the LFC team of the 80s had set, this 9-0 mauling of Crystal Palace was something special. It was a result that equalled the club's biggest-ever winning margin in the league and it proved a fitting farewell to Real Sociedad-bound John Aldridge. Palace had no answer to Liverpool's fluent flowing football. Goals from Steve Nicol, Steve McMahon, Ian Rush, Gary Gillespie and Peter Beardsley had built up an already emphatic 5-0 lead before substitute Aldridge was summoned from the bench. With his first touch he added a sixth from the spot before strikes by John Barnes, Glen Hysen and a second by Nicol completed the rout. It left the Reds on cloud nine while an emotional Aldo threw his shirt and boots into the crowd. Manager Kenny Dalglish later admitted his side had played better but never had the goals rained so freely during his reign.





71 NOTTINGHAM FOREST (HILLSBOROUGH) WON 2-1

FA Cup semi-final 12 April 1988

A last-four clash good enough to have graced the final itself. Despite finishing 17 points behind the runaway Reds in the title race of 1987/88, Forest had inflicted a rare league defeat upon the champions-elect just a week earlier. But with the soon-to-be-crowned player of the year John Barnes at his scintillating best, Kenny Dalglish outwitted his opposite number Brian Clough as Liverpool exacted sweet revenge. It was following a foul on Barnes by Steve Chettle that John Aldridge converted from the spot to open the scoring in the 12th minute. Liverpool's no10 remained a constant threat and early in the second half he and Peter Beardsley combined with devastating effect down the left flank, from which Aldo spectacularly volleyed home in front of the travelling Liverpudlians. Future Red Nigel Clough later pulled a goal back but Liverpool held firm to set up another trip to the Twin Towers.

72 EVERTON (H) WON 5-0

First Division 25 September 1965

Derby days during the Sixties didn't get much better than this. Twelve months after suffering a 4-0 Anfield humiliation at the hands of their local rivals, Bill Shankly's boys made amends by going one better. Right from the outset Liverpool's red tide swamped the Blues and the only surprise was that Liverpool went in at the interval leading by just a goal, scored by Tommy Smith. Attacking the Kop in the second half the Reds were ruthless. Two goals within the space of three minutes from Roger Hunt and Willie Stevenson put the result beyond doubt. Midway through the half Hunt headed home for 4-0 but with the home crowd roaring for more Liverpool continued to push forward and a minute from time the loudest cheer of the afternoon greeted the fifth and final goal, headed in by Ian St John. Liverpool were on their way to a second League title in three seasons.



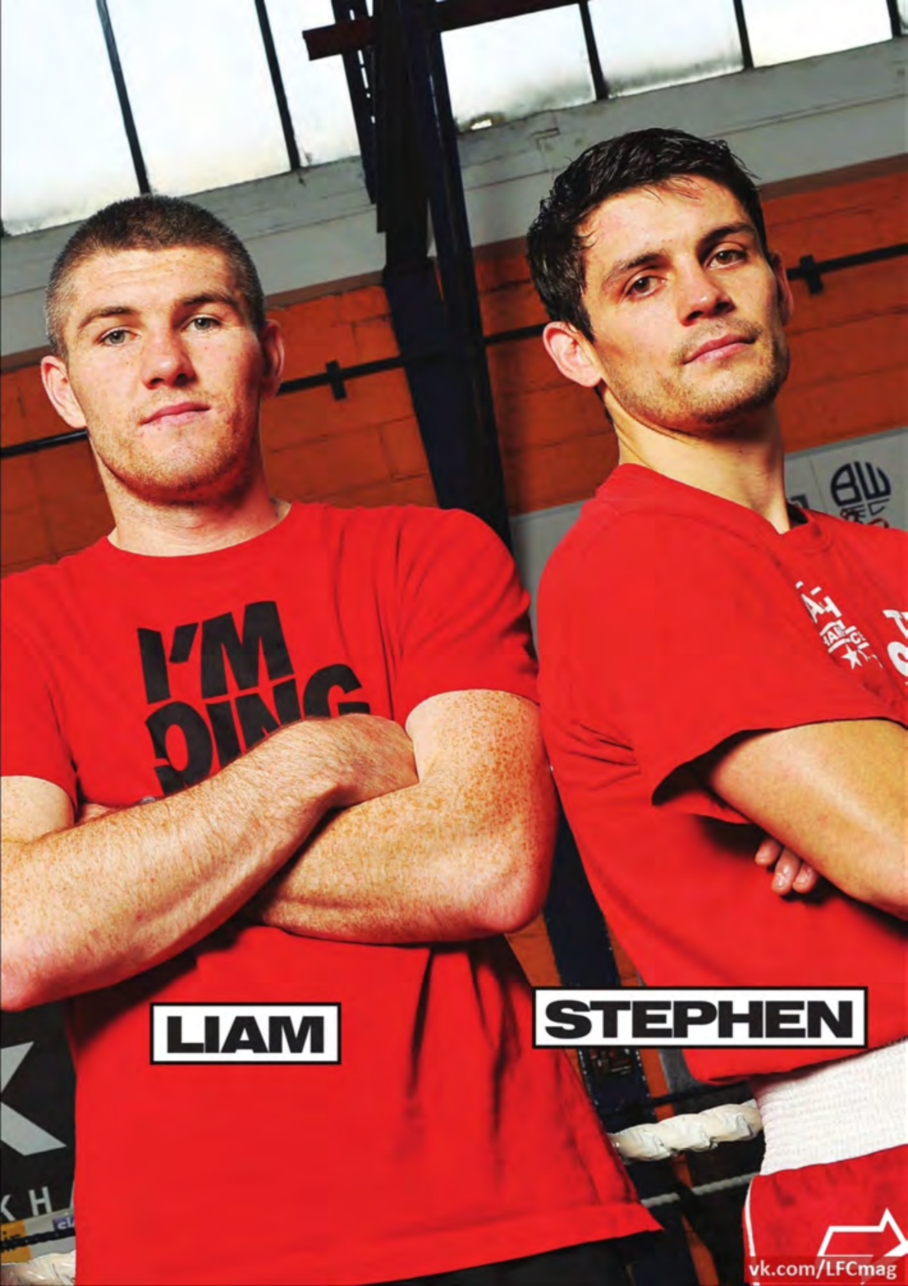
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Three brothers from an exceptional Liverpool boxing family tell John Hynes about their love for all things LFC




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Liverpool family the Smiths are currently one of boxing's most successful institutions – and all big Reds fans. Eldest brother Paul, 31, is British super-middleweight champion. Stephen, 28, is British super-featherweight champion. And Liam, 25, holds the British light-middleweight crown. Another brother, 23-year-old Callum, is WBC international super-middleweight champion. We visit their gym to find out more about their sporting ambitions and Kopite credentials…

PAUL SMITH

Tell us about the family's football allegiances...

All of my dad's family are Reds. My mum has five sisters and every one is a fanatical Red. Then my mum's first cousins, who we grew up next door to, are all Evertonians. I was never tempted to support them. My uncle Terry is a mad Evertonian and he would say, "You want to leave that Liverpool – they're no good. I'll take you to Goodison Park instead." I think I was about seven or eight and I considered going along with him just to keep him happy. But I never did.

> "I'd love to top the bill at a big fight night at Anfield"

Growing up in Kirkdale, what was the split?

You get a lot of nonsense about people in the inner city being more inclined to follow Everton. That wasn't the case where we grew up – there was a good mix of Reds and Blues. I remember going along to the parade for Everton when they won the FA Cup in 1995. I don't think the rivalry is as friendly now. Some people should remember it's just a game.

Your first match?

I'm not sure who the opposition was, but I remember going to Anfield and the ball came over near me. Phil Neal was playing – that's how long ago it was. I remember seeing Paul Walsh and John Wark in the pub down by my gran's too. John Wark was playing pool and he gave me a fiver.

Favourite player?

It's got to be Steven Gerrard. He epitomises everything that I love about Scousers and Liverpool FC. I count myself lucky I've seen him play.

Game you wish that you'd attended?

It has to be the 2005 Champions League final. I was fighting the week after so it wasn't possible for me to attend. At half-time that night I was putting on my sweat gear to go running. Piece by piece I started taking it off as the goals went in. I never went for that run. Instead I went to the pub. All of the Evertonians had gone home by the time I got there.

What's it like being part of a boxing family?

If I'm fighting I'm never nervous, whereas if the lads are fighting I get nervous. I know they can look after themselves but you do worry. My mum hates it – she won't watch us fighting. My dad used to come along and give us advice at ringside. Now he's quieter. I think he finds it difficult too.

Anfield was once a regular boxing venue...

Fighting there is something I've had in my mind since I was nine or ten. It's a dream. To do it you have to be sure of pulling in a big crowd. You get that by being world champion. That's my aim. It would be great to top the bill at Anfield or even Goodison Park.

STEPHEN SMITH

What got you into both boxing and football?

The family are all Reds and we always tried to go to the match. It was our dad who was into boxing. We lived near a boxing club and that probably encouraged us to get started.

Your first match?

My uncle took me to a game against Crystal Palace. We hammered them. It wasn't the game that stuck with me though – it was the noise inside the stadium. I was sat on my uncle's shoulders and couldn't believe how loud it was. I still get that same buzz from going to the match now.

I had loads of football tops but the first was a home shirt with Candy on the front. I used to wear the kit every day. My mum would say: "You wore that yesterday!" I didn't care. I'd put it on again and go out playing football.

Favourite goal?

The first one that comes to mind is Steven Gerrard's against Olympiacos. It's not just how good the strike was – it's the significance of it too. I liked the Xabi Alonso goals from inside his own half too.



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Game you wish that you'd attended?
Anyone who wasn't there has to say Istanbul. I was fighting around that time so couldn't go. I was absolutely gutted.

Is there much football related chat in the gym?
We're always talking about it. A lot of people hate going into work. For us it's not the case – we work hard but have a good time too. We usually give Liam some stick about the fact that he went to some Everton games.

The gym is in Bolton so there are a lot of Man Utd fans here and plenty of banter. They've been very quiet this year. Hopefully that continues.

Do you enjoy watching your brothers fight?
Not really. There isn't anything that you can do to help.

LIAM SMITH

Did you have a choice when it came to boxing?
Not at all! Even before I was into boxing I used to do some sparring with my brothers. It was either that or sit in my room by myself. I couldn't even watch TV because they'd be sparring in the living room. I'd arrive home from school and they'd have a pair of gloves waiting for me.

Stephen says you sometimes went to Goodison...
I was a naive kid! My uncle, who is a Blue, got me a ticket. I'm a Red really. But to be fair I'm a football fanatic so I'll watch any game. The lads will come in and ask why I am looking at a rubbish match on TV. It could be Everton or it could be Leicester against Bradford. I don't mind.

You also play football - is it true you once turned up for a match the morning after a fight?
Yeah, I play upfront in Saturday and Sunday league teams. I did 12 rounds on a Saturday night before going to play for Seymour in the Liverpool & District League the next day.

Your first match?
My dad took my younger brother Callum and me to a 1-1 draw with Coventry at home. My first shirt was one of the Adidas home shirts.

Favourite goal?
Steven Gerrard against West Ham in the FA Cup final in 2006. I think it was one of those shots where it either flew in or went in the stands.

The next few weeks are a busy time for the family...
Definitely. Paul and I fight in December. Stephen is fighting on 23 November. We always travel to watch each other. It's an individual sport but we have a team here and that group mentality is good. If there is the odd day when you aren't in a good mood, coming in here quickly changes that. We all have a laugh and a joke together.

On Saturday 7 December, at the Echo Arena in Liverpool, Paul and Liam will both be defending their respective British super-middleweight and light-middleweight titles. Tickets, priced from £40, are available on 0844 8000 400 or online at www.echoarena.com.

David Price on Liverpool's fight club

"This is a special time for boxing in the Merseyside area and there's so much strength that you'd really have to sit down and think about everyone to name them all.

"The Smith brothers are doing so well in flying the Liverpool flag and making everybody in the city proud. It will be a very special night for them at the Echo Arena on 7 December and obviously I wish them all well.

"Anthony Fowler, who is another Red, won a bronze over in Kazakhstan at the World Amateur Championships recently. He was battered and bruised and had to fight ever other day. He came through it and fully deserves his medal. He's a lad who has a massive future.

"Tony Bellew, the Evertonian, is going out to Canada to fight for the WBC title at the end of November month too, so there's a lot going on. There's a real buzz about the city and it is definitely exciting to be a part of it."

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the one and only...

Tommy Lawrence

Goalkeeper Tommy Lawrence had two nicknames. The first, 'Flying Pig', was given to him by the Kop in recognition of his efforts to save shots. The second, from tactical boffins and marking a more recent phenomenon of players in his position, is the 'Original Sweeper Keeper'.

Tommy was decent with the ball at his feet yet his frame was considerable. He would charge out of goal and crash into opponents, stopping more moves than he started. In order to play a flat back-four, Liverpool ideally needed quick players at the back. But pace was not a strong point in Bill Shankly's squad, so it was Lawrence's job to cover them. "Bill worked out that if I was on my 18-yard line and the defenders were all on the halfway line that I could get there before an attacker if a ball was played through. Shanks said: 'You only have to run 15 or 20 yards and they'll be looking at you thinking: I'm not going near this fella'."

Tommy was strong, brave and consistent. Scottish-born, he quit working in the Rylands wire factory in Warrington and signed professional forms at Anfield in 1957. It took him five years to win a place in the first team. Once selected, he didn't let go. Across eight seasons he played 390 games.

1. Punching clear with the help of Reds skipper Ron Yeats during a league match against Tottenham at White Hart Lane in April 1963.
2. Challenging for the ball in typically forthright style against West Brom striker Jeff Astle at The Hawthorns in a goalless FA Cup tie in March 1968.
3. Acrobatically tipping the ball over the bar during an FA Cup win over Arsenal at Highbury in March 1963.
4. Diving for the ball in the Anfield snow against crack Hungarian team Ferencvaros, Inter Cities Fairs Cup third-round second leg, January 1968.
5. Fresh-faced in front of a packed Spion Kop in the early 1960s.




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Tommy would charge out of his goal, stopping more moves than he started


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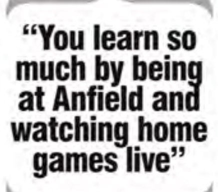
The partnership of Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge is textbook stuff for any aspiring young centre-forward

There has been a lot of talk over the last few months about how youth football in this country can be improved. One idea that I favour is ensuring that Under 18s matches correspond with first-team games. That would mean Liverpool facing, say, Manchester United at home later on in the same day as the Under 18s.

There are a number of reasons why this is beneficial. From personal experience, having emerged from Liverpool's youth system, there was nothing better than playing your game in the morning then heading up to Anfield to watch the first team in front of a packed-out stadium.

I used to know a few lads who didn't bother. They'd go out shopping or watch TV. They were missing out on valuable experience. If you're a young Liverpool player, the ultimate aspiration is to play for the first team and stay there.


Young players should learn from the masters



"You learn so much by being at Anfield and watching home games live"

By watching home games live, you learn an awful lot. You learn about the crowd, how it reacts to certain situations, how the best players react to those situations. You learn more about the players in front of you, maybe their weaknesses – areas you can improve on to get ahead in the manager's thinking.

Most importantly you see the great players – how and why they are great. You see just how high the standards are. It can inspire but it can also ground you. You realise you are just a youth-team player. You do not have acceptance of the crowd. You still have much work to do.

Last month Liverpool's Under 18s drew 3-3 with Southampton on the morning of the day Liverpool's first team defeated West Bromwich Albion 4-1. It was encouraging to see a lot of the Under 18s lads at Anfield. There they will have seen a striking masterclass from Luis Suarez and Daniel Sturridge. As a former centre-forward I would have been inspired seeing that. I don't usually use the column to speak too much about the first team but the partnership between Suarez and Sturridge fascinates me.

In my youth-team days Liverpool always played two up top. My partner was Brian McIlroy. We were prolific. Brian didn't end up playing professionally but he was a brilliant striker who I really appreciated. I remember a game in the FA Youth Cup. We travelled to Stamford Bridge and faced Chelsea. We won 7-1. Brian scored two and I scored one. It was our best performance together. We never stopped running that night and it pinned Chelsea back.

We weren't really close off the pitch but on it we understood each other's game. Although we tried hard to help each other out, we also wanted to beat each other in goalscoring terms. This kind of competition is good and I have a feeling the same thing is happening with Suarez and Sturridge.

If you're in a four-man defence it's far easier for the unit to mark one player rather than two. When there are two to mark, it means the full-backs can't get forward as much as they'd like. Again, it pins the whole team back. Especially with players like Suarez and Sturridge – players who are mobile and often drift wide – their presence means centre-halves can't relax and full-backs are reluctant to attack.

Potentially it means Liverpool can suffocate the opposition. I look forward to seeing more of this.

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Victor Moses has come here to work, win and entertain, he tells *Simon Hughes*. Defenders beware…

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What made you decide to come to Liverpool?

The main thing is to be on the pitch and enjoy football. That's always been on my mind – to play games. There was only a little spell at Wigan when I first signed there and I wasn't in the team every week. I've always gone to places for the football, places where I'm going to play. You have to enjoy your football. By playing, you learn. It might seem I've been around for a long time but I'm still only 22. I think I can develop a lot more but I realise to achieve that I've got to play as much as possible. There were a few clubs interested in taking me, but when I heard about Liverpool my decision was made straightaway. I just said [to his agent]: 'Listen, I don't want to go anywhere else'. I wanted to be at a club that is fighting for trophies. There's a lot of quality here and if we can keep the momentum going,I think we can challenge for the Premier League [title] and if not, finish in the top four. You have to believe you can be the best, otherwise there's no point in trying.

What does Brendan Rodgers ask of his players?

He's a great manager to play under. He's very clear with the players. We know what he wants us to do. There's a winning mentality but he also realises that if we are enjoying ourselves, we're likely to do better. I've known him since I was 16 when I was at [Crystal] Palace and he was at Chelsea. He really wanted me to go there. I said no a few times. I thought Palace was the best place for me at that time. But he never forgot about me. I was delighted when he came in for me again.



Front foot v Newcastle and talking tactics with Sturridge and the boss

Describe the different challenges with playing on the wing or through the middle...

You can look at it two ways. When you're in the middle the ball comes to you more often – but usually there are more players around to stop you. On the wing sometimes you can drift in and out of the game depending on how things are going. But you have more space so when the ball does come, you have a better chance of causing problems. You always need to try and influence the game so if the ball isn't coming, you go inside. I suppose at the end of the day you have to find a way to influence the game wherever you are playing. But you also need to be aware of the team's tactical plan. Even if you aren't touching the ball you might be taking up a space that worries the opponent, meaning they are thinking about defending instead of attacking. The first aim is to do the job the manager is asking you to do.

What about playing on the right or the left?

I like to shoot as much as I can. If you are right-footed playing on the left, or left footed playing on the right, it becomes a lot easier. You cut inside, find enough space and shoot earlier. The earlier you shoot, the better. You don't want to give the goalkeeper a chance to steady himself. When you're running across a defender with pace, it's difficult for him to stop [you]. Again it's one of those situations where you might get a foul.

What goes through your mind when you receive the ball?

It's all instinctive. When the ball comes to me, I don't think. It's natural to control and move off quickly. If there's space I will move towards goal. Every player is different but I always want to attack and put defenders on the back foot. As a winger you're always coming up against full-backs who want to go forward. The best way to stop them doing that is attack them.


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"Nobody works harder than Ronaldo or Messi – to be the best you have to"

Is it easier to make the right decision with more space or less space?

It's easier with space. If I see it, I run. Once you have the momentum it's more difficult for a defender to stop you. If a defender does stop a winger running, it can often end up with a foul and a free kick or a penalty. Slow-motion replays might make some tackles or fouls seem a bit soft. But when you are running fast it only takes a bit of contact to knock a player over.

What's it like to beat your marker?

For me, football is about winning, but I try to entertain the fans too. It's what I'd want to see. But at the same time I have to work hard and help my team-mates. All the best players do that. Nobody works harder than [Cristiano] Ronaldo and Messi, for instance. To be a top footballer you have to be good at everything. As soon as you go past a player, your job isn't done until the ball is in the back of the net, whether that's you or another player scoring a goal. You don't feel anything special until that moment. The tension is always there.

What did street football in Nigeria teach you?

It helped a lot. Lots of people played in the games. There isn't really a pitch, the football is always an old one and anyone can join in at any moment. You'll be running with





the ball and someone whom you didn't know was playing will tackle you. You learn to move and think quickly.

A football scout spotted you quite soon after moving to England...

Yes, I was in a park with my mates. A guy was walking past and he came over. He was running a Sunday league team on the look-out for players. So I went down and he told a friend at Palace about me. I was lucky. It all happened so quickly. I hadn't played much competitive football so it took some getting used to. But I enjoyed it and Palace treated me really, really well. It's a big family club and it looks after the players. I have a lot to thank them for.

"The best kid I've coached"

Crystal Palace were playing Colchester United at home in the FA Youth Cup. Palace were 2-1 down and going out. Then Victor Moses produced a moment of magic. "Victor received it just inside our own half," remembers Gary Issott, the Eagles youth-team coach. "He burst past three players and from 25 yards thrashed it home into the top corner."

Palace enjoyed a good cup run that year, eventually losing in the quarter-finals to a Southampton team containing Gareth Bale and Theo Walcott. "Southampton were the best youth side in the country at the time," Issott concedes. "But I thought Victor was the best player."

Issott first came across Moses not long after he signed schoolboy forms at Selhurst Park. "Victor was 13 and we quickly put him into the Under 16s – he was always ahead of other lads his age. Victor needed challenging. If the game was too simple for him, he didn't enjoy it as much. Like all the better athletes he needed pressure to flourish."

Moses was a central midfielder in his early years at Palace. "The majority of the better players usually play there so they can influence the game. Victor was like that." Two standout pieces of skill were evident: "The Jay-Jay Okocha scoop was the first. He was at Bolton and being Nigerian, Victor certainly looked up to him. In tight areas he could lift it over two players and run onto it the other side. Then there was an exaggerated Cruyff turn, which got him out of trouble on countless occasions.

"He also had pace and power. It wasn't the most natural side of his game but he could tackle and track runners going back too. He remains the best teenage player I've coached.

"As a Championship club we fought very hard to keep hold of him. He had suitors from all over the country. But he never had his head turned as a young lad – he realised he'd have a better chance of progressing quicker at Palace."

The fee that Palace earned from Victor's eventual move to Wigan kept the club afloat. "It took another five months for Palace to get bought out, so he's a very big part of Palace's history," says Issott. "Without that deal, maybe the club wouldn't be in the healthy position it is now."

> "If the game was too easy for him Victor didn't enjoy it as much"



Love supreme #2

The second in our series profiling the world's leading Liverpool FC experts

KJELL HANSSEN NEWSPAPERS

I'm originally from Oslo but I'm currently based in Hampshire with my lovely wife. In fact the women in my family got me into Liverpool – my aunt visited London in 1975 and brought back a blue football shirt and a red one. My cousin got the blue one and I was left with the red. My mother sewed a no7 on the back – she had a crush on Kevin Keegan.

I started seriously with my research into the history of Liverpool FC in 2008. At that time I'd decided to collect newspaper articles covering the club's first five years. At the same time I got to know Eric Doig [see last issue] and Jonny Stokkeland [next issue] and their enthusiasm and knowledge drove me to publish the book *Dicky Sams: Liverpool FC in Blue & White* which covered 1892 to 1895 when Liverpool played in similar football shirts to Blackburn Rovers.

"I have proof that the players never used the Sandon pub for dressing rooms"

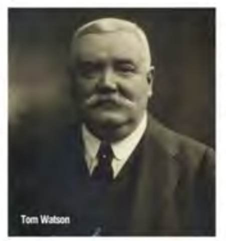
I've made some wonderful finds in the forgotten world of newspaper articles. Here's my top four. The first is a small note from July 1892 stating that the new Liverpool club had rented a house at 27 Kemlyn Road to act as dressing-rooms for the coming season. Most history books claim that the players used the Sandon as their dressing-room. Everton did, when they played at Anfield, but never Liverpool – although the Sandon was LFC's headquarters for many a year.

The second article is from August 1895 reporting that Liverpool's secretary WE Barclay had resigned his position. Again all books have Barclay down as secretary or manager between 1892 and 1896. Now we know – he left in 1895. Number three is an interview with manager Tom Watson from 1899 in which he explains how life as a football manager changed during the 1890s. He recalls scouting trips to Scotland where he was chased back across the border by angry Scotsmen! I think this is the first-ever interview I've seen in connection with a Liverpool FC person.

Finally, again in 1899, the *Liverpool Evening Express* sent a reporter to St Anne's [on the west Lancashire coast] to check up on the team ahead of their final league game against Aston Villa – a title decider. The reporter gave



Kjell in his element



a wonderful description of training. Believe me when I say that they did not touch a ball until kick-off – it was all running, almost like training greyhounds. St Anne's was where Liverpool trained. They rented a guest-house and stayed there all week. This went on for the first seven or eight years of the club's history.

There are three things I'd most like to track down: the two cups stolen in 1893 [for the Lancashire League and Liverpool Senior Cup won in the club's inaugural season] and the sets of minutes books between 1892 and 1914. The collector in me would probably say the cups, but the writer would love to have the minutes.

I upload all of the articles online at www.kjellhanssen.com where you can sign up for alerts. I have 4,000 on my site, and my aim is to display 125,000 by 2017 – when LFC is 125 years old.

Kjell's fascinating book (left) and the author at home

ALAN PARKINSON MATCH TICKETS



Around 1980 I picked up a programme from the Malmo v Liverpool game from 1967 and it all went from there. It took me 10 years to collect every Liverpool European programme, then I moved onto match tickets.

My most treasured item is the match ticket from Liverpool's first European game in Reykjavik in 1964. I went over to Iceland and went to the supporters club before a game and managed to pick up two. They are just so rare. A very close second is the Trabzonspor away ticket in 1976. I bumped into a Turkish guy in Athens in 2006 who told me his cousin worked for Trabzonspor and could get me one. I passed him my email address and forgot about it. About 12 months later I got a message from him to say he'd found one and wanted my address. Two weeks later it arrived. He didn't even ask for any money but I sent him some. Third is the 1966 Petrolul Ploiesti European Cup ticket. I believe mine is the only one in the UK.

My 'holy grail' is the tickets from the Inter Cities Fairs Cup games in Malmo (1967) and Dundalk (1969), if indeed they even exist.

I store my collection in a large album which is kept in the bank. It has a great value as many of the tickets are unique and to have them all together in one place makes it extremely rare.



JIM DONNELLY
MEMORABILIA

Why is an architect from Co Tyrone so devoted to LFC? That's an easy and a difficult question. Easy because from Wednesday 16 March 1977 at 10 past 9 in the evening I became handcuffed to the fate of Liverpool FC when David Fairclough scored against St Etienne. The hard part is trying to adequately put into words what has sustained the love since – there is simply something special about this club.

The first item I acquired was a first-day cover autographed by one of Bob Paisley's all-conquering late-70s teams. From there it's escalated into club letters, player contracts, cigarette cards, banquet menus, team lists, club itineraries, match-worn shirts, share certificates – the list goes on. I instantly know whether an item has that emotional connection to the club's history. Every collector knows you win some and you lose some, but you never forget an object is out there and will probably never rest until you land it.

I have three treasured items. First, a handwritten poem by Harry 'Smiler' Chambers, our 1920s star striker. When I saw this scrap of paper the years melted away and I really felt a glimpse of his personality: *Here's to the happiest days of my life, clasped in the arms of another mans wife... My Mother.* Second, the 'Liverpool Manager's Desk' – purchased by the club before the Second World War and used at Anfield until 1970. Don Welsh, Phil Taylor and Bill Shankly all used the desk. And third, Gerard Janvion's St Etienne shirt from the 1977 quarter-final. Most of my collection fits within Shankly's desk.

I also have three 'fantasy items' I'd love to own, two of which may not even exist: (i) Alex Raisbeck's first contract – he was our first superstar and I'm imagining a beautifully handwritten Victorian script; (ii) Bill Shankly's resignation letter – apparently there may be more than one but the letter from 1974 represents a moment that shocked football; (iii) the club minute books – it's unlikely these will ever become available but they'd be a cover-to-cover read.

I've started a Facebook page to showcase my collection and encourage other collectors to do likewise. The Unofficial Liverpool Football Club Museum now has over 1,000 members with wonderful items displayed by other private collectors from their precious collections.

My father and brother are both mad Reds so they understand my obsession. My wife is very tolerant... or so she tells me, even when acquisitions went from arriving in envelopes to arriving in furniture vans.

Visit www.facebook.com/UnofficialLFCMuseum.







Jim's shirt that Janvion wore



DAVE BALL
STATISTICS

Teaching was my profession before I retired and now I'm a freelance sports researcher working for the BBC's Question of Sport. I have a room full of books. Many are on football but I've kept a daily diary on all sports since 1977, the year I began working professionally in sports trivia.

I was born in Plymouth and came to Liverpool to attend college as my mother's family all lived in Birkenhead. I ventured to both Liverpool and Everton – I was just glad to be able to watch First Division football – and it was the Kop that greatly influenced where my allegiance would lie.

My gran kept the Liverpool Echo Pink edition and other papers, and like many people of my era I kept scrapbooks. I was a keen autograph-hunter and found myself remembering all sports trivia from an early age. I didn't keep Liverpool statistics until I began working for the LFC programme and magazine in the early 1990s.

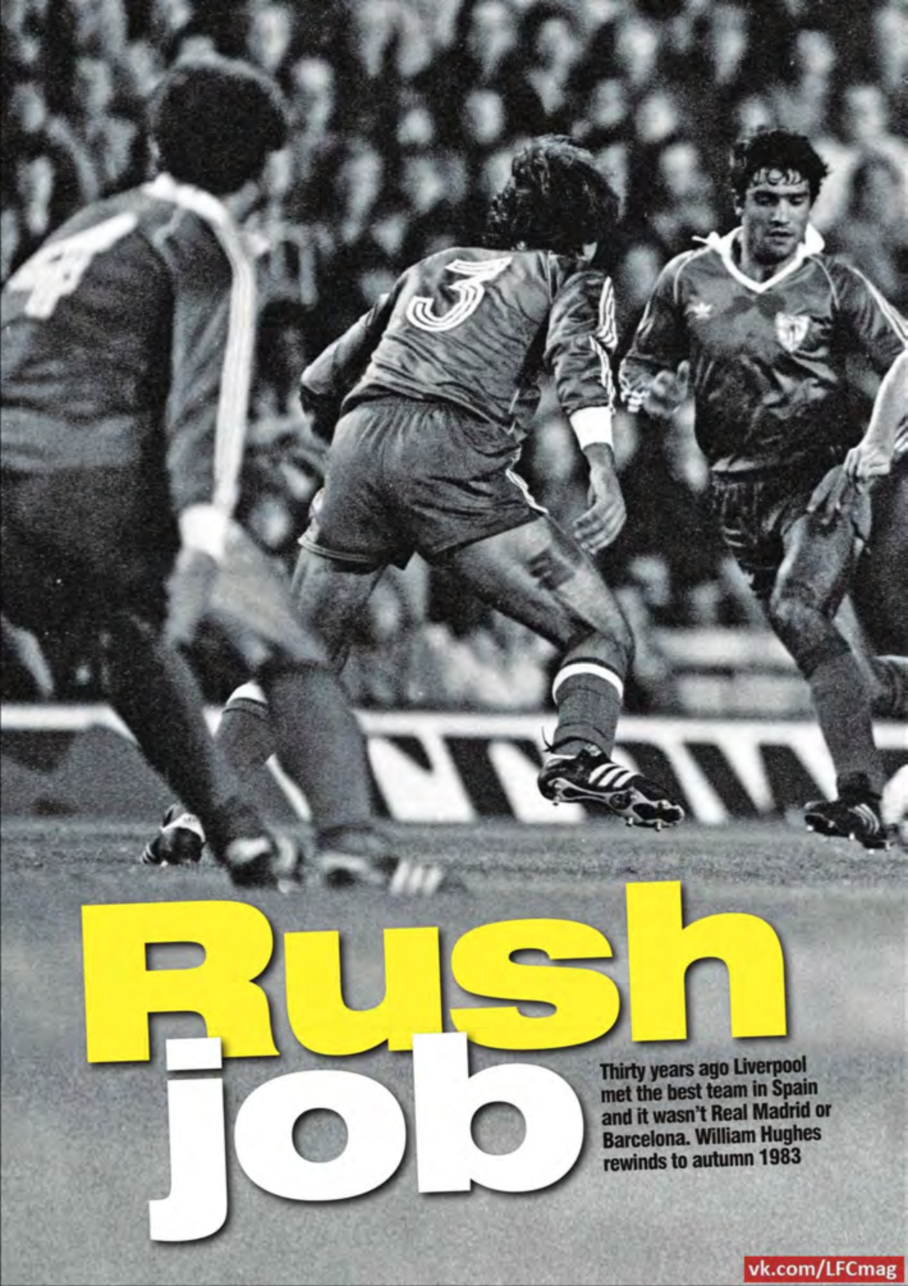
My most prized possession is probably a football signed by the 1977 European Cup-winning side, but I'd love to own a signed photograph of Bill Shankly, Bob Paisley and Joe Fagan all together. That, and Steven Gerrard's first Premier League winner's medal!

Many of my items are autographed as I've met many sports stars through my involvement with Question of Sport. I'm now storing information in a second room much to my wife's chagrin at times! It's my hobby – I do spend many hours working at it, but working for LFC is undoubtedly my favourite pastime.

MEET MORE LFC SCHOLARS IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE



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Rush job

Thirty years ago Liverpool met the best team in Spain and it wasn't Real Madrid or Barcelona. William Hughes rewinds to autumn 1983



In the second round of the 1983/84 European Cup, as it was simply called then, Liverpool were handed one of the toughest tests imaginable when they were drawn against Athletic Bilbao.

The team from the fiercely proud Basque country were Spain's top dogs, having won La Liga in 1982/83 ahead of the 'Big Three' of Real Madrid, Barcelona and Atletico Madrid.

A goalless first-leg draw at Anfield meant the Reds had to travel to one of the great cathedrals of Spanish football, San Mames, looking to beat a Bilbao side that had lost only one of their previous 31 ties on home soil. At Anfield the Reds were frustrated by Athletic's defensive – and physical – approach that disrupted their usual rhythm, along with a resilient display by visiting goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta.

San Mames was packed for the return leg as a heavy drumbeat from the stands accompanied the action on the field. But with Graeme Souness providing a midfield masterclass, Liverpool's patience and discipline paid off. The breakthrough came midway through the second half when Souness and Alan Hansen combined to send Alan Kennedy racing away down the left. His cross was deflected and Ian Rush, poacher supreme, arrived on cue to nod the ball beyond Zubizarreta for the game's only goal.

Afterwards Joe Fagan, enjoying his first European campaign at the helm, said: "Our fellows love this atmosphere – big hearts and big chests stand out on nights like this."

Fans and players of both clubs would enjoy a happy ending to that 83/84 campaign as their respective sides went on to add to their respective rolls of honour. Liverpool won the treble of League, European Cup and League Cup while Athletic Bilbao won the Spanish double. They finished above Real Madrid on goal difference and one point ahead of third-placed Barcelona, and in the Copa del Rey they beat Barca 1-0 in the final in front of 100,000 fans at the Bernabeu. For good measure, they also claimed a





third trophy that year, the Spanish Super Cup.

The Liverpool line-up on 2 November 1983 was: Grobbelaar; Neal, Hansen, Lawrenson, Kennedy; Lee, Souness, Dalglish, Johnston; Rush, Robinson.

ATHLETIC BILBAO
Javier Clemente (manager)

Born in Barakoldo near Bilbao, after his playing days at Athletic were cut short by injury he embarked on a coaching career and by 31 was named coach of his beloved club. He steered them to successive La Liga titles in 1983 and 1984 with a brand of football that saw them build on a strong defensive base. He later had two further spells in charge and also coached Espanyol on three different occasions. Coached Spain for six years during the 1990s and has recently taken charge of the Libyan national team. Now 63.

Andoni Zubizarreta

Outstanding goalkeeper who won 126 caps for Spain. Later starred for Barcelona and Valencia. Now Barca's director of football.

Santiago Urquiaga

Right-back who spent eight years at Athletic before playing for Espanyol.

Inigo Liceranzu

Tough-tackling defender who played for the club between 1981 and 1988. Later moved into coaching with various Basque clubs.

Andoni Goicoechea

Aggressive centre-back dubbed the 'Butcher of Bilbao' by the press for his no-nonsense approach – he was booked at Anfield for a foul on Rush. Spent 12 years at San Mames and was capped 39 times by Spain. He moved into management and is now coach of Equitorial Guinea.





The new San Mames and Andoni Goicoechea

Miguel De Andres
The defensive midfielder was a key part of Clemente's team and played 267 times before his career was ended by a knee injury.

Jose Nunez
Defender who had two spells with the club between a two-year stint at Sporting Gijon.

Juan Jose Elguezabal
Central midfielder who'd made his debut as a teenager in 1983. Played for Athletic until 1989.

Jose Ramon Gallego
Long-serving midfielder who was another regular in Clemente's successful sides of the early Eighties.

Ismael Urtubi
Creative midfielder known for his accuracy from the penalty spot. He won four titles with the club. In 2005 he coached CD Mirandes to second spot in the fourth tier of Spanish football.

Manu Sarabia
Marksman who returned 83 goals in 284 league games over a 12-year period at Bilbao. Scored 16 times in the 1982/83 La Liga success.

Jose Noriega
Attacker who had eight years with Athletic, scoring 41 times in 182 league games. Later had a short spell at Tenerife.

Luis De La Fuente
Defender who came on as a substitute at Anfield. Now a member of the Spain Under 19s coaching set-up.

The new stadium's acoustics help to generate the best possible atmosphere

Estanislao Argote
Another sub at Anfield, the left-winger enjoyed a successful 13-year career at San Mames.

Dani
Missing from the two games against the Reds was club legend Dani who scored 199 goals between 1972 and 1986. Top scorer in the successful 82/83 La Liga campaign, he was a captain of the club.

The boys from Bilbao

Football was introduced to Bilbao late in the 19th century by British steel and shipyard workers plus Basque students returning from UK schools. The club also took their famous red-and-white colours from Southampton.

To this day Athletic are renowned for their policy of selecting only Basque players, most developed through their cantera (academy). In his seminal *History of Spanish Football*, author Phil Ball writes: 'To their credit, they have retained their commitment to the Basque-only cause, and the policy is a brave one, given the limited population (3 million) from which decent players can emerge. Barcelona, with similar nationalistic sentiments propping up their own history, have never adopted the practice, despite having a larger regional populace to quarry from'.

Regional rivals Real Sociedad are playing in the Champions League this season but the San Sebastian side's qualification was secured by a team boosted by foreign stars like Chilean goalkeeper Claudio Bravo, French forward Antoine Griezmann, Mexican striker Carlos Vela and Uruguayan duo Chori Castro and Diego Ifran. John Aldridge was actually Real Sociedad's first 'foreign' player. He recalls that when he joined the club in 1989, there was graffiti on the walls of the training ground that read: 'No outsiders'. Scoring twice in a 2-2 draw with Barcelona helped Aldo win over the locals and he ended his spell with a return of 40 goals in 75 fixtures.

More recently charismatic coach





Bilbao fans at the 2012 Europa League final

Marcelo Bielsa guided Bilbao to the final of the UEFA Europa League in 2012. His side fell at the final hurdle, losing 3-0 to a Radamel Falcao-inspired Atletico Madrid in Bucharest. That season proved hard to follow. The club lost Javi Martinez to Bayern Munich and Bielsa banished star striker Fernando Llorente to the bench after he declined a new contract. Athletic finished the season 12th and Bielsa has since been replaced by former forward Ernesto Valverde who previously took charge between 2003 and 2005.

The legend of Sam Mames

Athletic's famous home was built in 1913 after the club had won its fourth King's Cup. Members all contributed to the 89,000-peseta cost of its construction. Their nickname of Los Leones (The Lions) derives from the ground's proximity to San Mames church – Mammes was an Christian thrown to the lions by the Romans, but the lions refused to eat Mammes who was later made a saint.

After 100 years at the 'old' San Mames, Athletic gained approval for a new stadium adjacent to their existing home in 2006. Construction began in June 2010. The stadium's striking architecture is in keeping with a city boasting a branch of the famous Guggenheim Museum. The designers consulted acoustics experts to help generate the best possible atmosphere. Full-back Andoni Iraola told the Spanish press: "You can really hear the crowd and when the fans start to sing it will be very loud. We are delighted with it."

The stadium opened in September 2013 with a 3-2 win over Celta Vigo. When completely finished it will hold 53,000 fans. Although the honour of scoring the first goal in the new stadium fell to Celta's Brazilian forward Charles, the first Athletic player to net



in their new home was ex-Red Mikel San Jose. He originally left Athletic for Anfield in June 2007 before returning to San Mames in 2010 for a reported £2.6 million.

First time round

Liverpool first played Athletic Bilbao in September 1968 when Bill Shankly took his side to San Mames for a European Fairs Cup first-round fixture. Trailing 2-0 at the interval, Roger Hunt's second-half strike halved the arrears ahead of the Anfield return, which attracted almost 50,000. Jose Maria Argoitia 32nd-minute goal gave the Reds a mountain to climb, but late goals from Chris Lawler and Emlyn Hughes leveled the tie at 3-3 on aggregate. The 1968/69 season was the last in which such circumstances saw the winners decided by the toss of a coin. Athletic won it, leading to a celebrated exchange between Shanks and captain Ron Yeats afterwards. Shanks is said to have asked his skipper what he called. "Tails," he replied. To which Shanks growled, "Everyone knows you never call tails!"

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In the news

Neil Kinnock (below) had just been elected leader of the Labour Party. Austin Rover launched their new family saloon, the Montego or LM 11.



In the charts

Boy George and Culture Club topped the UK singles chart with *Karma Chameleon*.



At the movies

Flashdance, *Return of the Jedi*, and *Trading Places* had people flocking to the cinemas.



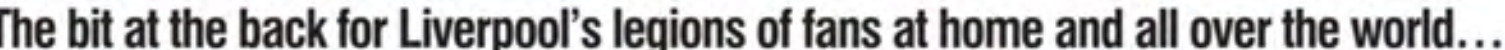
In Europe

On the same night Dundee United drew 0–0 at Standard Liege, Nottingham Forest won 2–1 at PSV, Spurs (below) beat Feyenoord 4–2 and Aston Villa drew 2–2 at Spartak Moscow.



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70 DERBY DAZE
Previewing the fixture at Goodison Park



The bit at the back for Liverpool's legions of fans at home and all over the world…

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DERBY DAYS

The Reds come up against an Everton side led by Roberto Martinez for the first time when they cross Stanley Park on 23 November. For the 11th consecutive season Goodison Park will stage the first Merseyside derby of the season and the 221st meeting between the sides. The Reds have only one home game during the month with Fulham due to visit Anfield on Saturday 9 November.

The month



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Many of LFC's league clashes at Anfield are sell outs- but if you can't attend the game, we have a suggestion for season ticket holders. If you cannot make it to Anfield, why not return your season ticket seat using our Buyback service and receive credit against the cost of your 2014/15 season ticket if your seat is re-sold to another official LFC member? For details visit **www.liverpoolfc.com/tickets/ticket-exchange** or call **0843 170 5555**.



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ANNIVERSARIES

7 years since the Reds defeated Besiktas 8-0 in the UEFA Champions League on 6 November.

15 years since Steven Gerrard made his Liverpool debut on 29 November.

51 years since Willie Stevenson made his debut on 3 November.

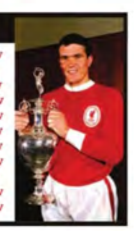
52 years since record-breaker Ian Callaghan scored his first Liverpool goal on 4 November.

61 years since Ronnie Moran made his Liverpool debut on 22 November.



BIRTHDAY XI

Jim Furnell 76 on	23 Nov
Rob Jones 42 on	5 Nov
Ron Yeats 76 on	12 Nov
Ian Ross 66 on	26 Nov
Phil Babb 43 on	30 Nov
Steve Heighway 66 on	25 Nov
Xabi Alonso 32 on	25 Nov
Brian Hall 67 on	22 Nov
John Barnes 50 on	7 Nov
Peter Thompson 71 on	27 Nov
Bobby Graham 69 on	22 Nov



THE BIG DERBY ON LFC TV

The undoubted highlight of November is the 221st Merseyside derby and in the week leading up to this eagerly anticipated local spat across Stanley Park **LFC TV** will be setting the scene with a number of special shows to get you in the mood.

There's nothing quite like the celebrations that follow a derby goal and in **Goal Rush Everton** (22 November 10:15pm) you won't be disappointed as we replay a whole host of memorable strikes against the Blues. From Rushie's four at Goodison back in 1982 to last season's Luis Suarez double at the same venue, sit back, relax and revel in the glory of getting one over our near neighbours.

In **Favourite Fives Everton** (21 November 8pm) we pick out a quintet of famous derby games from the Premier League era but with so many to choose from it wasn't an easy process. Which ones made the cut? Make sure you tune in to find out.

And we celebrate all that is good about the Merseyside derby with an alphabetical trawl through what remains one of the world's stand-out football fixtures in **A-to-Z** (20 November 11pm).

Two days prior to the game a derby-themed **Thursday Night Live** (20 November 7pm) will ease you towards the weekend and don't forget you can follow all the build-up ahead of the lunchtime kick-off at Goodison on **Matchday Live** (23 November 11:45am) where a couple of derby heroes from the past – David Fairclough and Ronnie Whelan – will be on hand to offer their expert opinion on the post-match phone-in (call **0845 234 4567** to get involved).

For just £2.99 a month **LFC TV Online** will allow you to watch LFC TV live and will give you on-demand access to all the Reds' goals, highlights, live reserve games, news and exclusive video interviews. For more information visit **www.liverpoolfc.com/video**.

Delayed coverage of every game will also be available via the club's official television channel, LFC TV, which is free to view on **Sky channel 429** or **Virgin channel 544**.

LFC TV will be setting the derby scene with some special shows





GET INTER-ACTIVE

The Liverpool FC Story, the club's new interactive museum, was officially opened by manager Brendan Rodgers at Anfield last month. It allows fans from across the world to get up close and personal to some rare items of Reds history.

The boss says: "This club has an incredible history and to see it all housed in one place is brilliant. Supporters from across the world can enjoy the real history of their club in a new, exciting interactive way."

To enhance the experience, every visitor is provided with a multimedia handset which offers a personalised 40-minute commentary by Phil Thompson who shares his experience of being a fan, player, captain, assistant manager and manager of the world's greatest football family.

Here are five of the best new must-see museum items:

1. Thank You menu

When Bill Shankly retired in 1974, the players arranged a private farewell dinner for their much-admired manager and produced this witty menu for the occasion.

2. FA WSL trophy

Liverpool Ladies recently won the FA Women's Super League title for the first time and the trophy now sits in the museum.

3. Lucas' boots

Lucas Leiva has donated a pair of boots, inscribed with his son's name 'Pedro'.

4. 1892/93 medal

The first medal issued by the club – from the late 1800s – is on display.

5. Bill Shankly passport (1960s)

This passport was issued to Bill Shankly in 1960, just as he became Liverpool boss. It contains border stamps and visas for every destination visited by LFC on their European campaigns during his managerial reign.

To book a place on the new Liverpool FC Story at Anfield, visit www.liverpoolfc.com/history/tour-and-museum/museum.





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AUGUST

17 Stoke City **(H)**	1-0
24 Aston Villa **(A)**	1-0
27 Notts County **(H)** (COC 2)	4-2*

SEPTEMBER

1 Manchester Utd **(H)**	1-0
16 Swansea City **(A)**	2-2
21 Southampton **(H)**	0-1
25 Manchester Utd **(A)** (COC 3)	0-1
29 Sunderland **(A)**	3-1

OCTOBER

5 Crystal Palace **(H)**	3-1
19 Newcastle Utd **(A)**	2-2
26 West Brom **(H)**	4-1

NOVEMBER

2 Arsenal **(A) 5:30pm**
9 Fulham **(H) 3:00pm**
23 Everton **(A) 12:45pm**

DECEMBER

1 Hull City **(A) 2:05pm**
4 Norwich City **(H) 7:45pm**
7 West Ham Utd **(H) 3:00pm**
15 Tottenham H **(A) 4:00pm**
21 Cardiff City **(H) 12:45pm**
26 Manchester City **(A) 5:30pm**
29 Chelsea **(A) 4:00pm**

JANUARY 2013

1 Hull City **(H)**
4 FA Cup 3R (TBC)
11 Stoke City **(A)**
18 Aston Villa **(H)**
28 Everton **(H)**

FEBRUARY

1 West Brom **(A)**
8 Arsenal **(H)**
12 Fulham **(A)**
22 Swansea City **(H)**

MARCH

1 Southampton **(A)**
8 Sunderland **(H)**
15 Manchester Utd **(A)**
22 Cardiff City **(A)**
29 Tottenham H **(H)**

APRIL

5 West Ham Utd **(A)**
12 Manchester City **(H)**
19 Norwich City **(A)**
26 Chelsea **(H)**

MAY

3 Crystal Palace **(A)**
11 Newcastle Utd **(H)**
17 FA Cup final

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Away days

With a trip across Stanley Park later this month a Norwegian Red describes the experience

Tage Herstad grew up in Floro, a small town on the west coast of Norway. "At that point I never imagined I'd one day be able to walk from my house to the derby at Goodison Park," he begins. "I can do that now as I live in Anfield – my address is Anfield Road. It's an address I always wanted.

"English football is massive in Scandinavia. It's been shown live in Norway since the 1960s and it was usually a Liverpool match they screened. That's how I became a fan. Attending games regularly wasn't really possible. However I did go to watch us play against Brann in the European Cup Winners Cup in 1997. It was my first European away game, a four-hour drive from Floro.

"At that point I viewed our games with Man United as the biggest of the season because I had lots of friends who supported them. But getting a win over Everton was almost just as pleasing. In particular I remember the 5-0 at Goodison Park in 1982, Rushie scoring four and terrorising their defenders.

"The FA Cup finals, 1986 and 1989, were special too. You don't want to lose a final to any team but especially not your rivals. So to win both was brilliant. The 4-4 a few years later was incredible – you have to mention that when talking about games at Goodison Park. Although the second replay was obviously something no Red wants to remember..."

"I was a docker in Norway before I moved to Liverpool"

Goodison Park





Tage's love for LFC brought him to Anfield for plenty of games and eventually attracted him to the city on a permanent basis. "I was working as a docker back in Norway before I decided to move to Liverpool around 2002 or 2003. After a year I moved home again but missed it too much and came back. I've been here ever since. My grandma once said I'd grow up to be an Englishman. I don't think she had heard of a Scouser, so she wasn't far off with her prediction.

"After living here for a while I changed my mind about which was our most important game on the fixture list. I think if you live in the city it has to be Everton. The games mean so much to everyone. I've lost count of how many times I've been to see us play at Goodison. It must be in double figures by now.

"Picking the one I enjoyed most is tough. We've done well there in recent times so there are loads to choose from. The 3-1 win at Christmas time in 2005 was enjoyable, Peter Crouch and Djibril Cisse scored really good



Heath v Hansen, March 1984


Everton v Liverpool
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Suarez scores, October 2012

Goodison Park

goals. There was also the early-season game when Fernando Torres scored twice in a 2-0 win. To be honest, any time you win a derby it's great, even more so if it's at their place.

"Having said that, my favourite derby win probably didn't take place in the city. It was at Wembley last year. That whole FA Cup semi-final experience was brilliant. They were talking about having loads of fans making the journey down south. And for them to be 1-0 up at half-time through Nikica Jelavic's goal was worrying. It didn't look good for us because we weren't playing well. Whatever was said in the dressing-room obviously had an effect because we were a different team in the second half.

"To win it the way we did, coming back from a goal down, was superb. Andy Carroll heading in the winner was a special moment. The blue half of the stadium cleared out very quickly while we all stayed around to party. I know we didn't go on to win the final, but the Everton game is still a great memory."

Naturally, a Norwegian LFC supporter living on Merseyside attracts attention from the Blues he encounters. "Most of my mates are Liverpool fans. I always go to home and away games with the same group of lads. But I do know some Evertonians too. Whenever I see them there is always banter flying back and forth. My response is always: the word 'Everton' actually originates from Norwegian. In Norwegian 'ovre tun' means 'highest place'. So there must be some link between Everton and Norway. I tell them they are Norwegian too!

"A little bit of rivalry is a good thing. It's part of football and makes it more interesting. Generally the atmosphere on derby weekend is great. The build-up is entertaining, there is a real sense of anticipation around the city. There are always some funny lines from both sides. People in Liverpool approach everything with good humour. I think that makes life easier and it's one of the reasons why I like living here."

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Herstad will have some of his compatriots visiting on the weekend of the short trip to Goodison, Saturday 23 November. "My wife and kids have gone back to Norway for a year so that means there is plenty of space in our house. A few friends will be over for the game. We'll be going to The Twelfth Man beforehand. I'm sure one or two Evertonians will be in there too. This is probably one of the most interesting derbies in a while because Everton are trying to play with a different style and we've been using a new formation.

"You've got to be confident about these games and I think, with Daniel Sturridge and Luis Suarez in the team, we'll be good enough to win 2-1."

CLASSIC CLASH

29.01.1955 FA Cup 4R
Everton 0 Liverpool 4

The Reds had been relegated to the Second Division the previous year so few expected them to trouble their top-flight neighbours. As was the case on so many occasions, Billy Liddell made the difference with The Sunday Express describing the encounter as his game. The Scot netted the opener on 18 minutes – a goal he later described as the greatest of the 228 he registered for us. His impact wasn't contained to just one end of the pitch. When Laurie Hughes had to leave the action due to injury, Liddell moved back into defence and also excelled. Alan A'Court and a John Evans brace completed the scoring in front of 72,000 people.


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Glen at the Q&A session

GLEN'S COLLEGE VISIT


And watching training

Reds star Glen Johnson recently paid a visit to the Liverpool FC Foundation Football College. The England full-back spent the afternoon watching the male and female teams training and later hosted a Q&A session with a group of BTEC students.

Glen, who spoke candidly to the students, said: "This fantastic facility provides students with a solid academic base alongside their football training. For me to be able to share my experiences and inspire their passions and life goals is really rewarding."

The college, which is open to boys and girls aged between 16 and 19, is based at Wyncote Sports Ground in South Liverpool. College director David MacDairmid explains: "We harness the respect of the club in the city to attract youngsters who may be not be engaged in education, employment or training. We encourage them to be involved in something worthwhile to improve their life chances."

A CAUSE TO CELEBRATE

Liverpool FC joined forces with Kick It Out to celebrate 20 years of campaigning against discrimination in football.

Three members of the Reds' title-winning Ladies side joined club legend Phil Neal for an afternoon of education at the city's International Slavery Museum. Gemma Bonner, Sophia Riccio and Fara Williams met 45 local schoolchildren who undertook a series of workshops geared towards highlighting issues surrounding discrimination. The day was facilitated by Liverpool FC in partnership with Kick It Out and the Anthony Walker Foundation.

Kick It Out's Troy Townsend, whose son Andros plays for Tottenham and recently made his debut for the England national side, was on hand to co-ordinate the Liverpool event.

He said: "It's great that we can work with Liverpool FC at this kind of event and send the message back into the schools, because education is really important. It shows that we're working collectively together."

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Liverpool Ladies at the recent Kick It Out event



With Jeanette Dodd, disabled fans representative on the LFC Supporters Committee



Jeanette, middle, with fellow fans George and Kate

Tell us a bit about yourself Jeanette...

I was born and brought up in Liverpool and started attending football matches at Anfield in the 1970s when I was a young girl. As one of the growing number of disabled LFC fans I usually sit in one of the wheelchair spaces at the front of the Kop, although it can vary on a match-by-match basis.

And your role with the LFC Supporters Ctte?

I was a fan who believed that some sort of structured supporter-consultation process could play a vital role in shaping the club's future. And as someone who has followed football as a non-disabled supporter before becoming a wheelchair-user, I was only too aware of the inequality that existed for disabled fans in terms of access to services and facilities.

Describe LFC's disabled fan base...

Large, varied and steadily growing. During the past two years I've addressed issues from supporters with mobility, sensory and learning disabilities. Parents of disabled children have contacted me, health and social-care professionals, relatives of those with life-limiting conditions and people who have become disabled through age, accident or illness. In Britain we have an ageing population and the number of disabled supporters is increasing year on year.

Your highlights as the disabled fans representative?

Every time an issue is resolved for a disabled supporter I feel a sense of achievement, whether it's arranging car parking, providing information about facilities or improving customer service. The more difficult challenges lie in resolving policy and procedural issues, many of which are longstanding.

One personal achievement is my role on the overhaul of the disabled season-ticket waiting list into two distinct groups: one for supporters who were wheelchair-users (and required a wheelchair bay), and one for fans who were not wheelchair-users (who'd be given the opportunity to sit anywhere in the stadium subject to their requirements). It was a time-consuming process and senior officials at the club welcomed the involvement of the LFC SC from start to finish.



And with David Fairclough and Luis Suarez

And an example of making a difference for a disabled fan?

I was contacted by the Camphill Village Trust charity about a supporter called Jamie Kenyon who has Downs Syndrome and lives in a Camphill Community in Yorkshire. He dreamed of seeing Liverpool play one day and the charity had put aside funds to pay for three match tickets and travel but needed help in obtaining tickets for a disabled supporter and two assistants. I responded and a few weeks later was delighted when the LFC ticket office confirmed that Jamie had three tickets for the Liverpool v Newcastle match. His favourite moment was watching Luis Suarez score just a few yards away from him.

In top-flight football where are we in terms of access and amenities for disabled fans?

Only 13 of the 92 professional football clubs in this country provide the minimum recommended numbers of wheelchair user spaces and amenity seats. In terms of Liverpool FC one of the biggest issues raised with me has been the shortage of accessible matchday seating. There is no denying that there are obstacles to be overcome in trying to increase wheelchair provision in an old stadium and the club has openly acknowledged the deficit of spaces.

On a positive note, when the stadium is redeveloped many improvements could be made to ensure that disabled supporters have equality with their non-disabled peers, not least addressing the deficit of spaces and relocating away fans who use wheelchairs.

What are your ambitions for the next two years?

That the minimum accessibility standards are applied when the club embarks on restructuring the stadium – it will be a significant milestone in terms of achieving equality for disabled supporters. And to see the appointment of an access and development officer at the club to ensure that Liverpool FC lead the way in improving access to its facilities and services.

"Fans come from all over to see our replica of the Shankly Gates"

Malta has not one but two official LFC fan clubs discovers Kelsey Maxwell

A couple of issues back we profiled one of Liverpool's longest-serving overseas fan clubs, the Poland branch. Now it's the turn of another loyal LFC outpost – Malta. Like their Polish counterparts, Maltese Reds regularly featured in the matchday programme in the early 1980s. Today they aren't content with just one official branch – as well as the Liverpool Supporters Club Malta, which is based in Mosta to the northwest of the capital Valletta, a 15-minute ferry ride takes you to the Liverpool Supporters Club Gozo on Malta's sister island.

The original Malta branch was formed by Alfred Fenech and Albert Cilia, who shared a love of Liverpool. After a brief absence and change-of-hands it's been around in its present form since 1995. The Gozo branch was founded two years later by Charlie Farrugia, who's also chairman of the club in Malta. Along with Clifton Cassar from the Malta club, Charlie was at Anfield for the recent game with Crystal Palace and told us how it all began…

JIM KENNEFICK'S COLUMN…

MALTA BRANCH IS READY TO WELCOME YOU



Tell us about the Maltese archipelago's twin LFC fan clubs...

Well of course both supporters clubs are open on matchdays and we put on other events too. In the Malta club we have a big club over two floors including a souvenir shop, a bar and four big screens to watch the Liverpool games plus official club memorabilia. And in Gozo we have a memorabilia museum [90% of which has been collected by Charlie himself over the years since he was eleven] and a souvenir shop as well as a big screen and two smaller screens – but best of all we have a replica of the Shankly Gates and a big statue of Bill Shankly outside the building which brings in lots of fans from Malta and the UK who love to have their photographs taken.

> "Both clubs are open on matchdays with big screens and bars and memorabilia"



Charlie (front row second from right) with fellow fan club members



When did you become a Liverpool fan?

From when I was 11 years old. I remember the exact match. It was the first leg of the UEFA Cup final against Bruges [28 April 1976]. Liverpool were down 2-0 in the match but they ended up winning 3-2 and from then on I've always supported them. Even when I lived in New York for 15 years I got involved in the official LFC supporters club there, and I always knew that when I came back to Gozo I wanted to start a fan club. I actually live in the club – it's part of my house! My wife understands though, she knows it's my big hobby and she's very supportive. There are a lot of Liverpool fans in Gozo, going right back to the 1970s. There's a huge fanbase here.

Do you get to Anfield for matches often?

Of course! We tell our members how easy it is to get from Malta to Liverpool and a lot come over for matches. We're here about six times a year.

Can you remember the first LFC game that you attended?

It was in 1982 against Norwich City but then I moved to New York so it was difficult to attend matches even though I made sure I always tuned in to watch. Once I moved back to Gozo I came back to watch matches again – the first was against Leeds United, 4-0 in 1997. Since then I've been to a lot of matches. I've been to 11 finals and the team has won nine! It's really easy to get to Liverpool.

"I lived in New York and joined the LFC fan club there before coming back to start the Malta branch"



Phil Neal and David Fairclough in town



"In 2001 Phil Thompson came over with the three trophies the team had won"



Jon Flanagan, John Barnes and Alan Kennedy have all been guests in Malta

Have you met any players past or present?

We've met Phil Thompson and Sammy Lee who opened both clubs and they were the first ones to visit the island. Two years after that we had the whole team in Malta for a training camp with over 1,000 fans there so it was one of the biggest events we held. Then over the years we've had a lot of old players come over such as Phil Neal, David Fairclough, Ian Rush, Alan Kennedy and John Barnes, and also current player Jon Flanagan.

In 2001, Phil Thompson brought over the three trophies we'd won – the UEFA Cup, FA Cup and League Cup. Alan Kennedy came for the 10th anniversary of the Malta club, and Ian Rush came last year for the 15th anniversary of the Gozo club where he unveiled the statue of Bill Shankly. We also had a great connection with Jessie Paisley and Grant Paisley [Bob's son] and Jessie even gave me Bob's hat which is now in the club in Gozo.

Favourite players?

Well we love the team as a whole but at the moment my favourite player is Coutinho because of his vision and his skill. We haven't had a player like him for a while, but I also think Gerrard is the best player that ever played for Liverpool. And in the past my favourite was Steve Heighway.





> "I was lucky enough to meet my heroes and I love looking at the photo and telling my kids about it"

The kid stays in the picture

Take a closer look at this LFC team shot from the late 1970s. Notice anything unusual?





Andy today – all grown up at Anfield

With Ray Clemence stood behind him and Graeme Souness and Terry McDermott sat just in front, it's no surprise Andy Milburn has a huge grin on his face in this team shot from 1979.

Aged 10, the lad from Halewood won a *Liverpool Echo* competition that gave six kids the chance to meet their footballing heroes. Now 44, Andy remembers everything about the day at Melwood and how it came about.

"My mum (Joyce) had entered my name into the competition without telling me," he recalls. "I suppose she knew how disappointed I would've been if I had known about it and hadn't won.

"So the first I actually heard about it was when she ran up the stairs four steps at a time to show me the letter from the Echo which said I'd been selected. I think it's the quickest she's ever moved. The whole thing was set up because 1979 was the UNICEF year of the child."

There were a few weeks between hearing the good news and actually visiting the club's West Derby training base. "I don't think I slept much during that time because I was so excited," adds Andy. "I definitely didn't sleep the night before."

During the drive from Halewood to the Melwood training ground with his mum and sister, thoughts of which members of the squad he would encounter raced through the youngster's mind. "It was a grey day in late August and the rain was absolutely hammering down. We had to wait for a few minutes and back then the facilities at the training ground weren't the best so there was nowhere to shelter. We got soaked. The players had been out training that morning so they were all drenched too."

At the time the club had just begun a sponsorship deal with Japanese electronics firm Hitachi. But because kids were included in the photo, the company's name couldn't appear on the players' shirts – and Andy ended up wearing his own jersey due to a lack of suitable sizes. "They didn't have any [shirts] left that fitted me. I was gutted."

His mood soon improved when the Kennedys began speaking to him. "Ray Kennedy just started chatting. Then Alan did the same. I was so nervous I wrongly referred to him as Ray a few times. He found it hilarious. In the end I spoke to Alan for about half-an-hour while I held his toiletry bag. After that he became my favourite player.

"There was a lot of laughing and joking between the players with Sammy Lee, Graeme Souness and Jimmy Case very involved. Others didn't seem too happy, such as Kevin Sheedy. I think Kenny must have had an appointment to get to because he didn't hang around too long. He's still my hero though because of all he's done for the club."

One of Andy's most vivid memories from the day relates to Phil Thompson. "He must have bulked up over that summer because it's hard to believe he was so big! He was built like an M6 roundabout. And that perm was just a 'no'."

There was no instant access to the photo – it took six weeks before it finally arrived at Andy's home in a specially printed cardboard envelope. Since then it's taken pride of place on his mantelpiece. "I was lucky enough to meet my heroes and I still love looking at the photo. My kids, James, Ben and Niamh, are Reds now and it's great to tell them about it. What I would like to know is who the other lads were. It would be great to see where they are now, even better to meet up with them if possible and reminisce about an unforgettable day."

If you are one of the other kids in the photograph or recognise one of them, please get in touch with Andy on **Twitter @AndrewGMilburn** or with us **@LFC_Mag**.


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TOP OF THE KOPS part two

Continuing our series in which Reds fans from top local bands pick their favourite Liverpool players for every occasion...



Peter Shewell from The New Caldera

Good night out
Robbie Fowler – for no other reason than he's my hero. I was from that generation of kids that believed he was the man. [Steven] Gerrard's probably the greatest player I've seen, but Fowler was definitely the man for me.

Best dressed
It might be easier to say who is the worst! Thinking about that – at the moment – I'd have to say the best is Daniel Agger, probably because he does things his own way. I didn't like David James' clothes either but at least he had a style about him. He did things his way.

Front man
Daniel Sturridge. He's got a good attitude about him. He'd be able to dominate the stage. Just as he does on the pitch. You can tell he wants to succeed in life. And that's why he'd have a strong stage presence.

Sturridge: the perfect stage presence



"I'd throw David James in goal because he could rap"



The muscle
Some big fellas. [Martin] Skrtel from the current bunch because he looks mean. Then maybe Mark Wright because he looks like he could handle himself. I'd ask Steve McMahon as well. You always need a smaller fella in there because you know he's going to be the nutter!

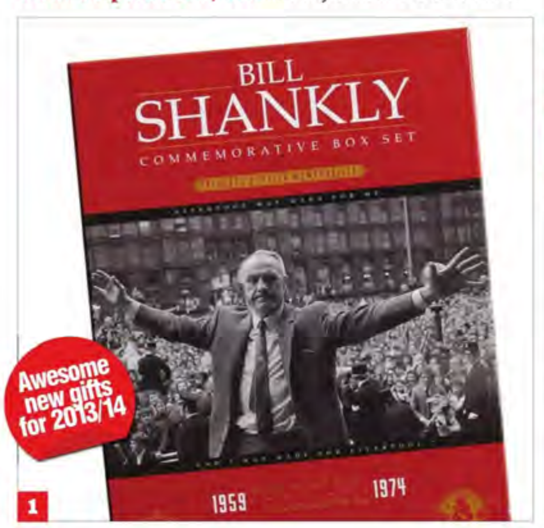
Roadie
Lucas. He never stops that lad. The enthusiasm is infectious. From the past I would have chosen David Thompson. He was unlucky at Liverpool, him.

Five-a-side
John Lennon. He would be the creative force. Being from Liverpool, he has to be in. I'd have Captain Beefheart. You need a volatile player in there. I'd have Tony Hart from our band in there because he's great. I'd throw David James in goal because he could rap. And John Barnes too. Is that cheating?

Live at Anfield
I know it's a stereotype but it has to be The Beatles. They're the inspiration and still the starting point for a lot of bands. I wouldn't mind The Doors too. My uncle had a poster of Jim Morrison when I was a kid. I thought it looked really cool.

WISH LIST

Christmas is coming and there's simply no excuse for not supporting the Mighty Reds in style – and these are just a few must-haves from the **Official LFC Collection**. The new range in its entirety can be viewed and purchased online at **www.liverpoolfc.com/store** and any Official LFC Club Store.







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MY WAY

If anyone has some sound advice for Liverpool's stars of tomorrow, it's Mike Yates

Now the club's international academy programme manager, Mike Yates has a fascinating new book out documenting his career with Liverpool FC – from eight-year-old signing to Academy player then Scottish Premier League regular at Dundee before returning to Anfield in his present capacity. To coincide with the release of *Steven Gerrard, Michael Owen and…Me* here are Mike's top 10 tips for aspiring LFC greats:

1 Enjoy your football. Play as often as you can, practise as much as you can and always try to have fun – you are creating memories that will stay with you for the rest of your life.

2 Listen to your coaches. They hold the keys to your development so always pay attention. And don't be afraid to ask questions.

3 Take criticism the right way. It can be constructive, so accept it whether you like it or not.

4 Always give 100% effort. Don't commit the crime of one day having to say: if only I'd tried harder. Later in life, whatever the outcome, at least you'll know you gave it everything.

5 Stay positive and mentally strong. Some day you will question yourself – it's part of the ups and downs of football. The people who succeed are the ones who can handle both the good and bad.

6 Keep the 3Ds – Discipline, Dedication, Desire. As a player you can have all the talent in the world but without these qualities you're going to fall short.

7 Make the most of every opportunity. No matter what level you play at, you won't be able to play forever. One day you will realise just how lucky you are.

8 Remember who you are, what you are and whom you represent. Keep your feet on the ground and don't get carried away with things people might say to you. Be loyal to your family, your friends and your club.



"The people who succeed can handle the good and bad"

9 Educate yourself. You can't play football forever and it is essential to have a back-up plan. Work hard in school, learn a trade and get some coaching qualifications.

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19 September
Be strong my friend! Soon you are back and showing your talent on the pitch.



2 September
Anfield!!!



17 August
Pizza time!!! #amigos #friends #brasil #uruguay



3 August
Night out!!



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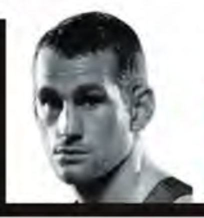
22 April
Day off today so I went to visit the Caernarfon Castle in Wales.



14 February
Happy Valentine's love. ♥ YOU



16 January
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David PRICE

Goodison derbies are always occasions every Red relishes


Two for Torres in September 2008

This month we go to Goodison for the first derby of the season – a game all Reds will be looking forward to.

The derby's always the no1 fixture for me. People also talk about the Man United games these days but for most Liverpool-based fans, Everton are the team you want to beat.

If you work in Manchester with a load of Manchester United fans and the banter's all going off it may be different. But if you have grown up in and around the city and around Evertonians, the derby's always the one that you look out for most and the one that you take most pleasure in winning. You can see in their faces how much it hurts them when we do beat them and that's probably true the other way round too.

It will be the first derby for Roberto Martinez who is doing a good job in his first few months in charge. We've become used to the dogs of war-type Everton sides who don't look pretty but produce results. This season they are starting to play a bit more attractive football and they're getting the results with it too. Martinez is good at what he does and is getting a lot out of what I think is still a limited squad so you've got to respect the job he's doing.

This derby will be a little different for him. At Wigan they will have played games against other Lancashire sides but those fixtures don't compare to the Merseyside derby. Having said that, a lot of the players have been through derby situations before and will know what's required.

> **"The derby is still the fixture you look out for and the one you most love to win"**

It looks like it's going to be a good competitive game. Both teams have had a good start to the season and as much as we want to do better than Everton it is refreshing to see both teams having a good little go. As long as we get the better of them and finish higher, I don't mind how they do!

I've always enjoyed derbies at Goodison, there's something about watching Liverpool in their backyard. I went to loads of derbies at Goodison in the 1990s but that was a bit of a barren spell for us. It was a good while before I saw us win there. The first one I missed in ages was the Gary McAllister derby in 2001. For some reason I couldn't go but it always stands out even though I wasn't there.

My other favourite memory was beating them 2-0 in September 2008 when Fernando Torres scored twice at the Gwladys Street. I'd just got back from the Olympics in Beijing, went to the game and Torres was on fire that day. After drawing both derbies last season it would be good to get back to winning ways against them and I think we will.

We have seen a good spirit in the team this season. The players are starting to really come together after getting used to the new regime last season and I am really positive. I remember that we went five years without beating Everton between 1994 and 1999 from the 2-1 when Fowler and Rush scored to the 3-2 when Fowler scored twice and Berger the other. But they haven't beaten us for three years now, so let's hope that run continues for a while too.

On a personal note I have been working hard in the gym during the past few weeks and it's looking likely that I will have a fight coming up in December. Hopefully I can finish the year on a good note and then look forward to next year and climbing the ladder again.

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Liverpool players you've seen out shopping...

DAVE HEYMANS
@arno_dave ian st john in the barber's stanley rd 1966, Carra (micks) knowsley road

DAVID SMITHER
@davesmither Bolo Zenden on crutches in Next, Speke. Does that count?

CHRIS MURPHY
@Murphy_Chris1 David James in costco by the cake bit

ODD IRISH SCOUSE
@IrishScouse Ages ago but Diouf in tesco's Allerton road with his ridiculous 4x4

MICHAEL BIGGS
@Michael_Biggz Aquilani buying A4 folders in Allerton Rd Tesco

NEIL DOCKING
@NeilDocking I met Momo in the Asda on Smithdown Road

GARETH BARKER
@gbarker84 Didi Hamman in Sainsbury's, Reina in Tesco and Agger in Tesco

ROCKEY DENNIS
@AggerDagger Razor was in my local shopping centre in Dublin, he ignored me:(

DAN KAY @dankay Torres (buying donuts), Suarez (Ferrero Rocher), Aspas (coffee) in Tesco

LYNN @musicredmenlife Michael Thomas in Sainsbury's Upton – son got him to sign programme

MARK JONES
@celestianwide I bumped into Rafa in Thorntons in Heswall

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